

Deposition of: **Kelly Allison**

November 18, 2021

In the Matter of:

Spearman, Gina Vs. Broker Solutions, Inc. Et Al

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1	IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
	FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
2	ATLANTA DIVISION
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4	GINA SPEARMAN,
5	Plaintiff,
	CIVIL ACTION FILE
6	vs.
	NO. 1:20-cv-04981-CAP
7	BROKER SOLUTIONS, INC. d/b/a
	NEW AMERICAN FUNDING,
8	
	Defendant.
9	
10	DEPOSITION OF
11	KELLY ALLISON
12	November 18, 2021
13	9:37 a.m.
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16	Suite 2100
17	Atlanta, Georgia
18	Robyn Bosworth, RPR, CRR, CRC, CCR-B-2138
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21	Andrew Westle, Esq. (via Zoom)
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1	KELLY ALLISON,
2	having been first duly sworn, was examined and
3	testified as follows:
4	MR. HARGROVE: Henry, you good with the
5	usual stipulation?
6	MR. PERLOWSKI: Yes.
7	MR. HARGROVE: Perfect.
8	EXAMINATION
9	BY MR. HARGROVE:
10	Q Ms. Allison, my name is Travis Hargrove.
11	I'm one of the attorneys for Ms. Spearman in this
12	case that she's filed against New American Funding
13	that's pending in the United States District Court
14	for the Northern District of Georgia, and I'm here
15	to take your deposition today in the case.
16	Have you ever been deposed before?
17	A No, sir.
18	Q Okay. Well, some of this will probably be
19	a little bit repetitive because I'm sure your
20	counsel went over it, but I'm going to be asking you
21	questions.
22	Everything that I say, you say, or anyone
23	else says is going to be taken down by the court
24	reporter. So in that regard, it's important that we
25	make sure we don't talk over each other. Sometimes

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1	these things get conversational, you may anticipate
2	what I'm going to ask you, I may anticipate what
3	your answer is going to be, so let's both try to let
4	each other finish before we start speaking. Fair
5	enough?
6	A Fair enough.
7	Q Great.
8	And if I cut you off because you start
9	answering a question before I'm done, I'm not trying
10	to be rude. I just want to make sure that the
11	record accurately reflects what was said here today.
12	Fair enough?
13	A Fair enough.
14	Q Great.
15	You have the right to read and sign this
16	deposition or that's something that you can that
17	you can waive. You have are you represented by
18	counsel today?
19	A New American Funding's representation.
20	Q Okay. All right.
21	MR. PERLOWSKI: She'll read and sign.
22	MR. HARGROVE: Okay. Got that one out of
23	the way.
24	BY MR. HARGROVE:
25	Q Next, I'm going to need a verbal response

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on all the questions that I ask today. Head nods or uh-huhs or huh-uhs are difficult for the court reporter to transcribe, so if I ask you a question that's a yes-or-no question and you do one of those things, I may say can I get a yes or no. I'm not trying to be rude; I just want to make sure that the record is accurate.

And by all means, if there's something after yes or no that you want to say in the way of an explanation, you're entitled to do that. Fair enough?

A Yes.

Q If you need a break today, this is not an exercise in endurance, so if you need a break at any time for any reason, please just let me know. The only thing that I would ask is if there's a question that is pending on the table at the time, that you finish answering that question before we take the break. Fair enough?

A Yes.

Q The questions I ask you today, I'm not trying to ask you trick questions, I'm not trying to confuse you, I'm trying to ask you direct questions so that I can learn what information you might have about the case.

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1	So in that regard, if you don't understand
2	my question, if you would please tell me that you
3	don't understand it so that I can clarify it or ask
4	it in a different way so that you do understand it.
5	And if you don't tell me that and you answer the
6	question anyway, then the record's not going to
7	reflect your understanding. Fair enough?
8	A Yes.
9	Q Great.
10	You got any questions about any of those
11	kind of guideposts about depositions?
12	A Very clear.
13	Q Perfect.
14	Could you state your full name for the
15	record?
16	A Kelly Dean Morrison.
17	Q And do you go do you go by any other
18	name?
19	A I do.
20	Q Okay. And what name do you go by?
21	A Kelly Allison.
22	Q Okay. And is Allison a maiden name or
23	A It was my married name.
24	Q Okay. Gotcha.
25	And I'm assuming because professionally

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1	people knew you as Kelly Allison, you just stuck
2	with that in the professional arena?
3	A Correct.
4	Q Great.
5	Are you currently married?
6	A I am.
7	Q Okay. And for how long have you been
8	married to your current spouse?
9	A For 19 years.
10	Q Gotcha.
11	And what is your current address?
12	
13	
14	Q Okay. And aside from your husband, who
15	resides with you at that address, if anyone?
16	A My two dogs.
17	Q Two dogs, gotcha. Well, they can't be on
18	the jury, so I don't need to know the dogs' names.
19	Prior to and what is your current
20	husband's name?
21	A Randy McCray.
22	Q All right. Prior to Mr. McCray, you had a
23	prior marriage?
24	A I did.
25	Q Okay. And

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1	A I've had several.
2	Q Okay. Well and I'm when I'm asking
3	these questions, I'm not trying to embarrass or pry,
4	I'm trying to make sure that we don't end up with
5	someone who was related to you on the jury.
6	So do and let me just ask you: Do any
7	of those former marriages reside in the Atlanta
8	metro area?
9	A They do.
10	Q Okay. Could you give me their names?
11	A Sure. Chris Allison.
12	Q Okay.
13	A And Trey Greene.
14	Q Do you have any relatives who are over the
15	age of 18 who live in the Atlanta metro area?
16	A I do not.
17	Q Okay.
18	A Just ex-husbands.
19	Q Just ex-husbands. Understood.
20	And you are employed with New American
21	Funding, correct?
22	A I am.
23	Q And if I refer to New American Funding as
24	NAF today, is that the proper shortened term for it?
25	A Sounds good to me.

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1	Q	Okay. Well, then if I say NAF, then I'm
2	referring	to New American Funding today.
3		Does your spouse work outside the home?
4	А	Yes.
5	Q	And where does he work?
6	А	He is he owns restaurants.
7	Q	Okay. Is there a name of a company that
8	owns seve	cal restaurants or is it individually or
9	can you ex	kplain that to me?
10	A	Bella Partners.
11	Q	Okay.
12	A	McCray Ventures.
13	Q	What are the restaurants that those two
14	entities o	own?
15	А	The Mill Kitchen and Bar.
16	Q	Okay.
17	А	Mac's Chophouse.
18	Q	Gotcha.
19	А	And Mac's Coastal Market.
20	Q	Okay.
21	А	And there's another LLC called The Fab
22	Four.	
23	Q	Do you have any ownership in any of those
24	entities t	that own the restaurants?
25	А	I do.

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1	Q Okay. Aside from your employment with NAF
2	and an ownership entity [sic] in those entities
3	and I'm not talking about, like, a stock account,
4	but any other business ventures or interests you're
5	involved in?
6	A Yes, I do.
7	Q Okay. What are those?
8	A A medicinal company
9	Q Okay.
10	A based out of California.
11	Q And what's the name of the medicinal
12	company based out of California?
13	A Brothers.
14	Q Brothers?
15	A LLC.
16	Q What does Brothers LLC do in the medicinal
17	industry out of California?
18	A CBD.
19	Q Okay. And my understanding I've had
20	some cases involving beverage companies is it, like,
21	CBD drinks or
22	A CBD oils.
23	Q Okay. Gotcha.
24	Any other business ventures that you're
25	involved with?

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1	A No.
2	Q In Brothers, do you have an active role or
3	are you just an owner in the company?
4	A Just a silent partner.
5	Q Okay. I assume same with the restaurant
6	ventures that your husband operates?
7	A I'm a silent partner.
8	Q Gotcha.
9	Are you a member of any member or
10	regular attender of any church in the metro area?
11	A Passion City.
12	Q Okay. Is that located in Marietta?
13	A Buckhead.
14	Q Buckhead. All right.
15	How about any civic organizations, country
16	clubs, anything like that?
17	A Yes. I am a member of Waterfalls Country
18	Club.
19	Q Okay.
20	A And I'm a member of the Marietta Country
21	Club.
22	Q Gotcha.
23	Anything like Kiwanis, Lions Club, Rotary,
24	anything like that?
25	A No.

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1	Q	Are you a member of any, like,
2	profess	sional associations in your industry?
3	А	Yes.
4	Q	Okay. Tell me what those are.
5	А	Homebuilders Association, Professional
6	Women's	s Council, SMC, MBAG.
7	Q	What does SMC stand for?
8	A	SMC if you didn't ask me, I would have
9	been al	ole to tell you. Marketing Council. I don't
10	know.	
11	Q	What does it do?
12	А	It's just part of our industry.
13	Q	Okay.
14	А	It's part of the mortgage industry.
15	Q	Gotcha.
16		All right. MBAG, what's that?
17	А	That's Mortgage Bankers Association.
18	Q	Gotcha.
19		Can you briefly walk me through your
20	educati	ional background?
21	А	Yes. I graduated from Alta Loma High and
22	went to	Chaffey College.
23	Q	And where is Chaffey College located?
24	А	In California.
25	Q	California.

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1		Did you get a degree?
2	А	I did not.
3	Q	How long did you attend?
4	А	Two and a half years.
5	Q	Gotcha.
6		So is California where you grew up then?
7	А	Yes.
8	Q	How long have you been in the Atlanta
9	metro area	a?
10	A	29 years.
11	Q	Did you come straight from California to
12	the metro	area?
13	А	Sure did.
14	Q	Gotcha.
15		Can you walk me through walk me
16	through	- I guess it would be probably better to go
17	in order.	Let me go back.
18		When you ended your education at Chaffey
19	College i	n California, did you go right to work
20	then? Did	d you enter the workforce at that point?
21	А	Yes.
22	Q	All right. Can you walk me through your
23	work back	ground from there up to the present? And I
24	just need	a 10,000-foot view at this point.
25	А	Yes. I was with a company called

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1	Wilhelmina.
2	Q Uh-huh.
3	A It's a modeling agency.
4	Q Okay. What years was that approximately?
5	A 19 well, I was Wilhelmina since I was
6	17.
7	Q Okay.
8	A I ended that in 1992.
9	Q All right.
10	A And started in the mortgage industry in
11	I went to the building industry, and then I started
12	my mortgage career in September of 2000.
13	Q All right. And Wilhelmina Modeling
14	Agency, was that out of California?
15	A New York.
16	Q New York.
17	And you said you were employed there from
18	the time you were 17 until 1992?
19	A Yes.
20	Q And then in 1992, you went into the
21	building industry?
22	A Uh-huh.
23	Q And where geographically did you go into
24	the building industry?
25	A Atlanta.

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1	Q Atlanta.
2	Did you go from to Atlanta from New
3	York?
4	A No. I didn't have to live in New York.
5	Q Okay. Gotcha. So the modeling agency was
6	based in New York, but you were working for them in
7	California?
8	A Uh-huh.
9	Q Okay. How did you make a career change
10	from the modeling industry to the building industry?
11	A I had a child.
12	Q Okay. Had you had any prior experience or
13	classes or something that piqued your interest in
14	the building industry or can you explain why the
15	building industry?
16	A I was a single mom, needed a job.
17	Q Gotcha.
18	Did you know someone who was hiring in the
19	building industry, did you respond to a want ad or
20	just
21	A Right out of the paper.
22	Q Okay. Cool.
23	And who did you go to work for in the
24	building industry first?
25	A Torrey Homes.

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1	Q I'm sorry, could you repeat?
2	A Torrey, T-O-R-R-E-Y.
3	Q And what did you do there?
4	A I was the closing coordinator.
5	Q And as a closing coordinator the name
6	seems pretty self-explanatory, but just to make sure
7	I understand, you coordinated the closing for the
8	person who had the house built when they purchased
9	it? Is that a fair description?
10	A Correct.
11	Q How long were you the closing coordinator
12	for Torrey?
13	A Until September of 2000.
14	Q And was it after that that you entered the
15	mortgage industry?
16	A Yes.
17	Q Okay. We'll get into the mortgage
18	industry part in a little bit here. I'll kind of
19	put a bookmark there. Let me go back and ask a
20	couple other background questions. And this is one
21	of those that I have to ask.
22	I can tell looking at you that it's not an
23	issue, but you aren't under the influence of any
24	medications or drugs of any sort that would affect
25	your ability to fully and truthfully testify today,

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1	correct?
2	A No, I'm not.
3	Q And you've never been diagnosed with any
4	sort of a memory issue, correct?
5	A No.
6	Q You'd be surprised. I've had people
7	before who have answered that question yes, so it's
8	one of those one of those I have to ask.
9	Have you ever filed for bankruptcy before?
L 0	A No, I have not.
l 1	Q Have you ever been involved in a lawsuit
L 2	before either where you sued someone or where you
L 3	were sued?
L 4	A Yes.
L 5	Q Tell me about that.
L 6	A I sued Caliber Home Loans. Actually, it
L 7	wasn't a I mean, we didn't no, actually,
L 8	that's not true. It wasn't a lawsuit. They settled
L 9	before it became a lawsuit.
20	Q All right. Tell me the nature of the
21	legal dispute that you had with Caliber Home Loans.
22	MR. PERLOWSKI: I'm going to caution you.
23	You can answer the question. Don't reveal any
24	attorney-client privilege communications in doing
25	so, but you can answer the question subject to that

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instructi	on.
A	They owed me money.
BY MR. HA	RGROVE:
Q	What did they owe you money for?
A	For P&L.
Q	And when you say P&L
А	P&L profits.
Q	Okay. How much how much money did they
owe you?	
А	469,000.
Q	About what year was this dispute with
Caliber?	
А	2016.
Q	And was Caliber your last employer before
NAF?	
А	Yes.
Q	Okay. Was there a written agreement with
Caliber?	
А	Yes.
Q	And Caliber didn't follow the terms of
that agre	ement to the tune of \$469,000?
А	Correct.
Q	Did you obtain counsel in that matter?
А	Yes, I did.
Q	And, again, yeah, I don't want you to tell
	A BY MR. HA Q A Q A Q OWE YOU? A Q Caliber? A Q NAF? A Q Caliber? A Q that agree A Q A

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1	me what you discussed with the counsel, but who did
2	you retain for that matter?
3	A I retained my gosh, his name just went
4	right out Lee Parks.
5	Q Lee Parks.
6	When you retained Lee Parks, was this
7	before you left Caliber or after you left Caliber?
8	A After.
9	Q How long were you with Caliber?
10	A I think right at maybe 16 months. I'm not
11	sure.
12	Q The moneys that you weren't paid by
13	Caliber, this is kind of a I got to think of the
14	best way to ask this.
15	When did they start not paying you
16	everything they were supposed to?
17	A After they fired me.
18	Q So Caliber let you go, and there was a
19	pending \$469,000 you were supposed to be paid?
20	A That's correct.
21	Q And they I assume you asked them before
22	you retained Mr. Parks, and they ignored you or just
23	didn't pay you or what happened there?
24	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
25	You can answer.

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               No, I didn't -- I didn't even ask them for
 1
 2
          I just retained Lee Parks and asked him to go
     get it for me, and he did.
 3
     BY MR. HARGROVE:
 4
 5
               Did you get the whole 469,000?
 6
          Α
                I did.
 7
               Do you know whether my client was owed any
          0
     money by Caliber?
8
9
          Α
                I have no idea.
10
               MR. PERLOWSKI:
                                Object to the form.
11
     BY MR. HARGROVE:
12
               Did you ever discuss the $469,000 you
13
     weren't paid by Caliber with my client?
14
          Α
               Possibly.
                "Possibly" meaning you might have, you
15
          0
16
     just don't recall it?
17
          Α
                I don't recall.
               Any other lawsuits -- well, you said no
18
19
     lawsuits.
20
               Any other legal disputes where you
21
     retained counsel to attempt to recover money?
22
          Α
               No.
                (Plaintiff's Exhibit 1 was marked for
23
24
     identification.)
25
     BY MR. HARGROVE:
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1	Q I'm going to hand you a document that's
2	marked Exhibit 1. And it's your notice of
3	deposition, and I just like to get these into the
4	record.
5	Do you recognize this document?
6	A It's the first time I'm seeing this
7	document.
8	Q Okay. You understand you're here to
9	testify pursuant to a notice of deposition in the
10	case that's listed on Exhibit 1, correct?
11	MR. PERLOWSKI: I'm just going to caution
12	you not to reveal any privileged communications that
13	we may have had. Subject to that, you can answer
14	Mr. Hargrove's question.
15	A Yes.
16	BY MR. HARGROVE:
17	Q Okay. And Mr. Perlowski is here as your
18	lawyer pursuant to that deposition notice, correct?
19	A Correct.
20	Q What did you do to prepare for your
21	deposition today?
22	MR. PERLOWSKI: Same caution not to reveal
23	any communications we had, but you can otherwise
24	tell Mr. Hargrove what you did to prepare.
25	A We had a pre-deposition meeting.

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1	BY MR. HARGROVE:
2	Q And when you say "we," can you tell me
3	don't tell me what you discussed, but who was in the
4	pre-deposition meeting?
5	A Ken Block, Henry, Chase, and that's all I
6	remember. I don't remember the other folks. I
7	don't know their names.
8	Q And Henry, you're referring to
9	Mr. Perlowski who's sitting across from you today,
10	correct?
11	A Yes. I'm sorry. Mr. Perlowski.
12	Q And Chase
13	MR. PERLOWSKI: Henry is fine.
14	BY MR. HARGROVE:
15	Q And Chase is Mr. Ogletree, one of
16	Mr. Perlowski's associates in this office, correct?
17	A Yes.
18	Q And who is Ken Block?
19	A He is New American Funding's legal
20	counsel.
21	Q Okay. He's an in-house lawyer employed by
22	New American Funding?
23	A He would have to answer that question. I
24	am not 100 percent sure how that works.
25	Q Okay. How long again, I don't want you

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1	to tell me what you discussed, but how long was your
2	pre-deposition meeting?
3	A Maybe an hour.
4	Q Okay. Other than that pre-deposition
5	meeting you had with Mr. Block, Mr. Ogletree, and
6	Mr. Perlowski, did you do anything else to prepare
7	for your deposition?
8	A Mr. Perlowski and I met in my office a
9	couple weeks ago.
10	Q Okay.
11	A Maybe even longer than that; I'm not sure.
12	Q All right. And was there anyone present
13	at that meeting other than you and Mr. Perlowski?
14	A No.
15	Q How long did that meeting last?
16	A Maybe an hour, hour and a half.
17	Q So we've got the meeting the one-hour
18	meeting, then the one a few weeks ago.
19	Anything else you did to prepare for your
20	deposition?
21	A No.
22	Q Did you look at any documents in
23	preparation for your deposition?
24	A I was presented documents.
25	Q Okay. Can you did you look at those

Page 25 1 documents you were presented? 2 Α Yes. Can you tell me what those documents were? 3 0 4 Α No. 5 No because you don't recall what they 0 6 were? 7 No because I don't really remember all the Α documents. It was mostly internal documents that 8 9 were preparing me for this deposition. 10 When you say internal documents preparing 11 you for the deposition, were these communications 12 from your counsel? 13 Α Yes. Okav. So aside from communications from 14 15 your counsel, did you review any documents in 16 preparing for the deposition? 17 Α Outside of counsel, no. 18 0 So you didn't review any contracts by way 19 of example that you had with NAF, correct? 20 Α Not outside of counsel. 21 What I'm asking is what documents 22 did you review. All I'm asking -- I'm not asking 23 you what your counsel told you about them. I'm 24 asking you what documents you have seen in 25 preparation.

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1	A I reviewed internal communications that
2	were in regards to Gina and I's compensation in two
3	thousand early 2019.
4	Q Okay.
5	A I reviewed Gina's contractual agreement
6	Schedule 1, I reviewed my employment agreement
7	Schedule 1 and division president
8	Q Okay.
9	A amendment, and that's all I can
L 0	remember reviewing.
l 1	Q The communications regarding Gina and her
L 2	compensation from 2019, do you recall who those
L 3	communications were between?
L 4	A Christy Bunce.
L 5	Q Okay.
L 6	A Jan Preslo.
L 7	Q All right.
L 8	A I did not look at who was all involved in
L 9	the I just read the body of the communication, so
20	I can't be 100 percent sure who was on those
21	e-mails.
22	Q What do you recall was in the body of the
23	communications?
24	A The body of the communication was e-mails
25	going back and forth with corporate as it related to

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1	the new structure of Gina and I's compensation early
2	'19.
3	Q Were you copied on those e-mails that you
4	reviewed?
5	A Yes, sir, I was.
6	Q So that wasn't the first time you had seen
7	them?
8	A No, sir.
9	Q Recognizing that this is broad, but was
10	there aside from discussions about the potential
11	new structure for compensation in early 2019, were
12	any other compensation topics addressed in those
13	e-mails that you reviewed?
14	A It was all compensation.
15	Q Did you review any communications about
16	override bonuses?
17	A Yes, all compensation.
18	Q You said you reviewed Gina's Schedule 1,
19	and we'll look at that in a little bit, but I want
20	to ask did you when you reviewed Gina's
21	Schedule 1, are you talking about from the original
22	2016 Schedule 1?
23	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
24	BY MR. HARGROVE:
25	Q Which Schedule 1 of Gina's did you review?

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1	A I don't know because they were just
2	scrolling, so I don't have the dates. They were
3	they had them on the Zoom, and they were scrolling
4	through, so I don't have dates.
5	Q Okay. Well, we'll show you some
6	documents, and maybe we can nail it down.
7	How about your employment agreement and
8	Schedule 1, do you recall the date of that that you
9	reviewed?
10	A Again, they were just showing me
11	highlights of things within our employment
12	agreements. I didn't see dates.
13	Q Are there any other documents other than
14	the ones you've told me about that you reviewed in
15	preparation for this deposition?
16	A No.
17	Q Anyone you spoke with other than
18	Mr. Block, Mr. Perlowski, and Mr. Ogletree about
19	this deposition?
20	A My husband.
21	Q Okay.
22	A Randy McCray.
23	Q You called Ms. Spearman yesterday and left
24	her a message, correct?
25	A I did not.

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1	Q You did not?
2	A I did call Ms. Spearman yesterday, but I
3	did not leave her a message.
4	Q Okay. Gotcha.
5	What was the purpose of your call
6	yesterday?
7	A Just to say this might be a little
8	awkward.
9	Q And tell me why you think it "might be a
10	little awkward." I assume you mean the deposition
11	today, correct? When you said "this might be a
12	little awkward," you meant the deposition; is that
13	correct?
14	A Yes.
15	Q All right. Tell me what you thought would
16	be a little awkward about the deposition.
17	A Well, we were partners, and now we're
18	sitting on opposite ends of the table.
19	Q Okay. Do you believe you said
20	"opposite ends of the table," so do you believe your
21	position is adverse to Ms. Spearman's?
22	A I do.
23	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
24	BY MR. HARGROVE:
25	Q Why?

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1	A I don't care to share.
2	Q Well, it's it's a deposition. This is
3	my opportunity to ask you, so
4	A It's personal feelings. It has nothing to
5	do with her lawsuit.
6	Q Okay. Well, given that you're a witness
7	in the case, and I understand it's personal
8	feelings, but I need to know what those personal
9	feelings are that you believe are adverse to my
10	client, Ms. Spearman.
11	THE WITNESS: Am I required to answer this
12	question?
13	MR. PERLOWSKI: He's entitled to ask the
14	question that's relevant to your status as a
15	witness, so you can if you can, please answer.
16	A I think Ms. Spearman's betrayal to myself
17	and the team
18	BY MR. HARGROVE:
19	Q Okay.
20	A is disappointing.
21	Q Tell me about Ms. Spearman's betrayal to
22	herself and the team, what do you mean by that?
23	A She put friendship she put a lawsuit
24	over friendship. She put a lawsuit over loyalty,
25	commitment.

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1	Q And when you say she put a lawsuit over
2	friendship, is that the friendship with you?
3	A Yes.
4	Q Okay. And tell me how her filing this
5	lawsuit against NAF was put over your friendship.
6	How does that affect your friendship?
7	A Again, this is has Gina has every
8	right to sue NAF. I have no issue with her suing
9	New American Funding.
L 0	Q So if you have no issue with her suing
l 1	NAF, then why would this lawsuit have any effect or
L 2	consideration on your friendship with her?
L 3	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
L 4	BY MR. HARGROVE:
L 5	Q You can answer. He's just putting an
L 6	objection on the record.
L 7	THE WITNESS: Do I have to answer?
L 8	MR. PERLOWSKI: Can you go ahead and
L 9	repeat the question, please?
20	BY MR. HARGROVE:
21	Q Let me clarify.
22	You testified that Ms. Spearman put a
23	lawsuit over friendship, correct?
24	A Mrs. Spearman did what she felt was best
25	for her and her family.

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1	Q Okay. And you considered the fact that
2	you said you don't have a problem with her suing
3	NAF, correct?
4	A No, I don't.
5	Q So is is your issue that you've been
6	brought in for a deposition? Is that why you
7	believe she chose a lawsuit over friendship?
8	A No.
9	Q Okay. Why do you believe she chose a
10	lawsuit over friendship if you don't have a problem
11	with her suing NAF?
12	A Clearly Ms. Spearman feels as though me
13	calling her yesterday needed to be a part of this
14	information for you, and clearly I did not leave her
15	a message, and clearly reaching out to her was a
16	mistake.
17	Q So prior to me referencing the telephone
18	call to Ms. Spearman, you were not upset with
19	Ms. Spearman and didn't think that she had betrayed
20	you?
21	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form
22	A I'm not answering that question.
23	MR. PERLOWSKI: mischaracterizes
24	testimony.
25	BY MR. HARGROVE:

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1	Q Did you feel that you referenced a
2	betrayal to herself and the team. Tell me what the
3	betrayal that you were referencing was.
4	MR. PERLOWSKI: Objection, asked and
5	answered.
6	BY MR. HARGROVE:
7	Q Go ahead and answer it again.
8	A It's just a feeling.
9	Q How did she betray you and the team?
10	A It's just my feeling.
11	Q What gave you that feeling?
12	A Just a feeling.
13	Q So you have no basis for the feeling.
14	There's no event that happened. There's nothing
15	that was said.
16	A It's just a feeling.
17	Q All right. You said that Ms. Spearman put
18	a lawsuit over friendship and over loyalty. Tell me
19	about the loyalty that you believe Ms. Spearman put
20	this lawsuit over.
21	A That's an opinion and another feeling.
22	Q Loyalty to whom?
23	A Ms. Spearman need put herself first,
24	and that's what she felt like she needed to do; my
25	feelings don't matter.

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1	Q What did she do to put herself first and
2	show you that your feelings don't matter?
3	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form
4	A That's just a feeling.
5	MR. PERLOWSKI: mischaracterizes
6	testimony.
7	A This has no relevance to the case. It's
8	just my feeling.
9	BY MR. HARGROVE:
10	Q Sure.
11	Well, I'm exploring what biases you might
12	have against my client, so that's why I'm asking
13	you.
14	So do you dislike my client?
15	A No, I don't.
16	Q Are you upset with my client?
17	A No, I'm not.
18	Q Have you had any discussions about this
19	lawsuit with my client?
20	A Very just that we're that she's
21	suing New American Funding, and that, you know, she
22	did not know that I was going to be deposed, and
23	that if I didn't want to be deposed, that she would
24	have it called back.
25	Q Did you tell her you didn't want to be

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1	deposed?
2	A No, I told her it was fine.
3	Q Okay. Have you had any discussions with
4	Sarah Laprade about this lawsuit?
5	A Not anything other than the data that
6	Mr. Perlowski's team sent to Sarah and I that we
7	could not delete any communication that we had with
8	Mrs. Spearman.
9	Q Okay. How about Jon Reed, any discussions
10	with him about this lawsuit?
11	A I don't no, I don't think I've talked
12	to Jon Reed about it.
13	Q Scott Frommert?
14	A No.
15	Q When was your last conversation with
16	Ms. Spearman?
17	A I think it's at least been a couple weeks.
18	I'm not a hundred percent sure.
19	Q Was that conversation in person or by
20	telephone?
21	A The last conversation?
22	Q Uh-huh.
23	A I think was telephone.
24	Q And tell me what y'all discussed.
25	A The kids. I really don't remember.

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1	Q Okay. Did you discuss anything about NAF
2	in that conversation?
3	A I don't think so. I don't remember.
4	Q Any conversations about this case?
5	A I don't think so. We may have. I don't
6	remember that.
7	Q Anything about compensation issues with
8	NAF?
9	A No.
10	Q How often do you see Ms. Spearman?
11	A Maybe I don't know, maybe once a
12	quarter.
13	Q Do you remember the last time you
14	physically saw Ms. Spearman?
15	You told me about the phone conversation.
16	Do you remember the last time you saw Ms. Spearman
17	in person?
18	A Yeah, we we went to dinner I don't
19	remember the date. It's on my calendar. But I feel
20	like it's been maybe a couple weeks.
21	Q Okay. At that dinner, did you discuss NAF
22	at all?
23	A I think we discussed the industry as a
24	whole.
25	Q Okay. Did you discuss anything about the

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     lawsuit -- this lawsuit we're here talking about
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     today?
               I don't think that we did. I mean, I
 3
     think we -- in general, it's still going on.
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     have said on several occasions I don't know what's
     going on with the lawsuit because I just get
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     documentation that says sign here that you're not
8
     going to delete any information, and --
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               MR. PERLOWSKI:
                                Just want to caution you
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     not to reveal the substance of communications, but
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     you can go ahead and continue to answer.
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               Right.
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     BY MR. HARGROVE:
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               Did you --
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               I haven't been abreast of what's going on
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     with the lawsuit from Henry or Ken Block.
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               Have you been abreast of what's going on
          Q
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     with the lawsuit from any other source?
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          Α
               No.
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               Did you have any discussion with
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     Ms. Spearman about this lawsuit being public
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     knowledge?
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               Yes.
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               Tell me about that.
          Q
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               I had some phone calls that Gina was suing
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Page 38 1 New American Funding, and I didn't know how that 2 information would get outside of Gina or myself or New American Funding, especially to the people that 3 were calling me. And then I found out that this was 4 5 a rumor going around. And so I did call Gina, and I asked her, I 6 7 said, hey, do you know that people are talking about this lawsuit. And she said it was a matter of 8 9 public record. 10 Okay. Q 11 And that was the first knowledge that I Α 12 had that this had gone public. 13 Q Who were these phone calls with that you 14 had that people called you to tell you Gina was 15 suing NAF? 16 Eric Glick was the first phone call. Α 17 0 And who is Mr. Glick? 18 He's a regional for our company. He's Α based out of Savannah, Georgia. 19 20 0 Tell me the contents of the Okay. 21 conversation with Mr. Glick about Ms. Spearman's 22 lawsuit. 23 Α That he had spoken to Doug Casbon at 24 Certainty, and that Doug told him that Gina was suing New American Funding. 25

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1	Q Did you have any discussions about the
2	allegations that Ms. Spearman made in the lawsuit
3	with Mr. Glick?
4	A No, outside of what was already public
5	knowledge. We did read that.
6	Q All right. Tell me what was public
7	knowledge.
8	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
9	BY MR. HARGROVE:
10	Q You testified that you didn't have any
11	discussions with Mr. Glick outside of what was
12	public knowledge, you did read that. Tell me what
13	the "that" that you read you were referring to.
14	A Just what was when we Googled after
15	Gina told me it was a matter of public record, I
16	Googled it, and it came up.
17	Q Okay. And when you say "it" came up
18	A The lawsuit.
19	Q So the lawsuit came up on Google.
20	Did you read the lawsuit?
21	A I did.
22	Q All right. And was that the first time
23	you've seen the lawsuit?
24	A That was the first time I saw the lawsuit.
25	Q Have you seen the lawsuit since then?

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1	A No.
2	Q When you reviewed the lawsuit on Google,
3	did you read all of the allegations?
4	A I did, and I didn't really understand a
5	lot of it.
6	Q Okay. Tell me, did you understand any of
7	it?
8	A Yes, I did understand some of it.
9	Q What did you understand? Tell me the
10	parts you did understand.
11	A To be honest, I really don't remember
12	the all the verbiage that I read online.
13	Q Okay.
14	A It wasn't until I met with Henry that I
15	had a full understanding of what Mrs. Spearman was
16	suing for.
17	MR. PERLOWSKI: And please, again,
18	instruction not to reveal what we talked about.
19	Subject to that, you can answer Mr. Hargrove's
20	questions.
21	BY MR. HARGROVE:
22	Q When you pulled the lawsuit offline, did
23	you have to enter a credit card or anything to
24	download the pleadings?
25	A No.

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1	Q Do you remember what website you were able
2	to pull a free copy of the lawsuit off of?
3	A I didn't I didn't print the lawsuit. I
4	didn't I just looked at what was online. Other
5	than that, I didn't go to the trouble of buying it.
6	Q Okay. So online at no charge was a copy
7	of the actual lawsuit with a caption like what's on
8	Exhibit 1 and the allegations?
9	A Yeah, whatever was online, that's what I
10	looked at.
11	Q Okay. Do you remember what website?
12	A I just Googled it, and it came up.
13	Q You just clicked a link, and up came the
14	lawsuit?
15	A No. I just put in "Gina Spearman versus
16	New American Funding," and it popped up.
17	Q All right. When you say "it popped up,"
18	the lawsuit popped up?
19	A The lawsuit popped up.
20	Q Okay. And you pulled it up after you
21	received the call from Mr. Glick, correct?
22	A No, I pulled it up while I was on the
23	phone with Mrs. Spearman.
24	Q Okay.
25	A She told me it was a matter of public

Page 42 record, and I went to my laptop, and I Googled her 1 2 name, and sure enough, it was a matter of public 3 record. Okay. So just so I understand, Mr. Glick 4 0 5 called and said, hey, Doug Casbon from another company told me about your lawsuit. And then you 6 7 called Gina, and she said, yeah, it's a matter of public record. And then you entered her versus NAF 8 9 in Google, and the lawsuit popped up, correct? 10 MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form. 11 You can answer. 12 BY MR. HARGROVE: 13 Q Correct? 14 Α Yes. 15 0 Okay. Do you know if Mr. Glick had 16 reviewed the lawsuit before? Oh, I have no idea. I didn't speak to 17 Α 18 Mr. Glick about that. I hung up the phone because I 19 was, like, I don't know how this could have gotten 20 out. 21 0 Uh-huh. 22 Α And then several people brought it to, you 23 know, different people's attention that Gina was 24 suing New American Funding. All you had to do is 25 Google it.

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1	Q Did you know that Gina had sued New
2	American Funding prior to the phone call from
3	Mr. Glick?
4	MR. PERLOWSKI: And again, you can answer
5	that question with a yes or no, but don't reveal any
6	communications you may have had with lawyers about
7	the topic.
8	A Yes.
9	BY MR. HARGROVE:
10	Q How did you know that without divulging
11	anything from your lawyers, how did you know prior
12	to the call from Mr. Glick that Ms. Spearman had
13	sued New American Funding?
14	A Because we got documentation to not delete
15	any information.
16	Q Okay. So you hadn't been told by
17	Ms. Spearman that she had filed a lawsuit, correct?
18	A I don't no, I don't think she told us.
19	Q And Doug Casbon, what company is he with?
20	A He's I don't know the I think it's
21	Certainty Home Loans owned by Guaranteed Rate.
22	You'd have to look that up to be certain.
23	Q And your understanding is he called
24	Mr. Glick and said, hey, did you know that Gina
25	Spearman is suing New American Funding?

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1	A He used it as a recruiting tactic.
2	Q Okay. And did you after Mr. Glick
3	called you, you said you hung up. I assume you
4	didn't hang up immediately; you finished the
5	conversation with Mr. Glick?
6	A Yes, I did. I just said, I don't know
7	anything about this; I'll have to get back to you.
8	Q Did you then get back to Mr. Glick?
9	A No, Mr. Glick got back to me that he had
10	Googled it and saw that Mrs. Spearman was suing New
11	American Funding.
12	Q Okay. Did he tell you whether he had
13	reviewed the lawsuit like you did?
14	A No, we didn't talk about it.
15	Q All right. And did you opine to
16	Mr. Glick so let me go back.
17	Mr. Casbon was trying to recruit
18	Mr. Glick?
19	A Uh-huh.
20	Q And Mr. Glick was someone who's under you
21	at NAF, correct?
22	A Yes.
23	Q All right. Did you opine to Mr. Glick on
24	the merits of Ms. Spearman's lawsuit?
25	A Mr I don't know what if he looked

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1	at it or not.
2	Q Okay.
3	A It's not it wasn't very clear. It's
4	not like it was super clear online
5	Q So
6	A what she is suing New American Funding
7	for. It's just that she was suing New American
8	Funding.
9	Q So Mr. Glick was being recruited.
10	Has he left the company?
11	A No, he has not.
12	Q Did you have to say or do anything to keep
13	Mr. Glick from leaving the company?
14	A Absolutely not.
15	Q Do you know Doug Casbon?
16	A Uh-huh.
17	Q Have you talked with Mr. Casbon about the
18	lawsuit?
19	A I have not.
20	Q You mentioned several other people had
21	referenced Ms. Spearman's lawsuit against NAF to
22	you.
23	Can you give me the identities of those
24	several people?
25	A It was competitors in the marketplace,

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     mostly surrounded by Mr. Casbon's team, Jeff
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     Stodghill, John --
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               John?
               I don't -- I'm sorry, his name just went
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     right out of my head.
               That's okay.
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               Steele.
               Tell me about your conversations with Jeff
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          Q
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     Stodghill about --
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               I did not have those conversations.
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     They're all hearsay of what they were calling, you
12
     know, people within our company. So I didn't have
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     conversations with any of those people.
               So who did Mr. Stodghill or Mr. Steele
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     call within your company that you became aware of
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     recognizing --
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               Just, they called it --
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               MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form, calls
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     for speculation.
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               Yeah, I don't know. I don't really know.
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     It's all hearsay of where all this information came
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     from, so I am not specific on who really talked to
23
     who.
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     BY MR. HARGROVE:
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                      Who told you this information?
          Q
               Okay.
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1	A Eric Glick.
2	Q All right. I want to go back now and walk
3	you through we got to where you had the job as
4	the closing coordinator with the builder, and then
5	the mortgage industry is where you went.
6	So I want to walk you through your
7	background in the mortgage industry up to the
8	present if you could just start with your first job
9	after being the closing coordinator for the builder.
10	A Can I ask why this is relative to the
11	this case?
12	Q So I'm I'm entitled when I take your
13	deposition to explore anything that's reasonably
14	calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible
15	evidence. So your background in the mortgage
16	industry and the extent to which you were involved
17	with Ms. Spearman is all calculated to lead to the
18	discovery of evidence in this case, so
19	A Okay.
20	MR. PERLOWSKI: He's entitled to get some
21	basic background about the witness. That's all
22	within the parameters.
23	A I started my career at Sunshine Mortgage.
24	BY MR. HARGROVE:
25	Q Okay. What year was that?

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1	A That was in 1989. I was with them for a
2	little over a year. Then I went to then I went
3	into I was I set up files for them. It was an
4	entry-level position. And then I got an opportunity
5	to go work for Torrey Homes in 1991. I was with
6	Torrey Homes from 1991 until September of 2000.
7	In September of 2000, I went to HomeBanc
8	Mortgage Corporation. In 2001 I went to HomeBridge.
9	In 2005 I went to Market Street Mortgage. In 2005 I
10	made a move to Countrywide Home Loans. In 2008 I
11	was with Academy Mortgage. In 2015 I was at Caliber
12	Home Loans. In 2017 I joined New American Funding.
13	Q You said your first job in 1989 at
14	Sunshine was an entry-level position that you were
15	at for over a year.
16	What was your position with Torrey Homes?
17	A Closing coordinator.
18	Q And is that that's the job you told me
19	about earlier because that was that was for the
20	builder, correct
21	A Uh-huh.
22	Q as opposed to the mortgage industry?
23	A That is my job history.
24	Q All right. And which of these and
25	we're going to talk a little bit more about these,

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1	but tell me how you first came to meet Ms. Spearman.
2	A Excuse me. I met Ms. Spearman in I
3	believe it was 2001
4	Q Okay.
5	A at HomeBanc.
6	Q All right.
7	MR. PERLOWSKI: Do you need anything?
8	MR. HARGROVE: Yeah. And if you want to
9	take a break any time you need a break, let me
10	know.
11	BY MR. HARGROVE:
12	Q So at HomeBanc where you went in when
13	you went to HomeBanc in 2000, what was your position
14	at HomeBanc?
15	A What did they call me. I think I was a
16	builder manager.
17	Q All right.
18	A I don't remember my title.
19	Q And you were at HomeBanc for you said
20	you were there in September of 2000, and then
21	sometime in 2001, you went to HomeBridge?
22	A Uh-huh.
23	Q So that was you were there a few
24	months?
25	A I think we were there maybe nine months.

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1	Q And when you say "we," are you referring
2	to Ms. Spearman as well?
3	A No. At the time, I was partnered with a
4	gentleman by the name of Rick Floyd.
5	Q All right. And Mr. Floyd, did he leave
6	HomeBanc for HomeBridge with you, or was that the
7	end of
8	A He left HomeBanc for HomeBridge, and I
9	went with him.
10	Q Okay. So when you left HomeBanc to go to
11	HomeBridge, how about Ms. Spearman, did she leave
12	HomeBanc for HomeBridge?
13	A No.
14	Q Were y'all when you first met at
15	HomeBanc, did you guys I know you worked at the
16	same place, but were you involved in working on
17	matters together?
18	A Yes, we were.
19	Q And did y'all become friends at that point
20	back in 2000 when you were at HomeBanc?
21	A Yes.
22	Q Did you guys visit socially or was it just
23	you were friends at work at that point?
24	A I can't remember when we started visiting
25	socially.

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1	Q Did you have any discussions with
2	Ms. Spearman when you left HomeBanc for HomeBridge
3	about Ms. Spearman potentially going with you to
4	HomeBridge?
5	A Yeah, I think we did. I'm sure we did.
6	Q Okay. But obviously she didn't go at that
7	point, correct?
8	A No, she did not.
9	Q Were you in the pecking order of
10	HomeBanc, were you at a a higher level employee,
11	the same, or a lower level employee than
12	Ms. Spearman was?
13	A What do you mean by "higher level"?
14	Q Responsibilities, compensation,
15	supervisory roles, et cetera. I'm assuming there
16	was
17	A I don't know because I don't know what
18	Ms. Spearman's compensation was.
19	Q Okay. Did your from your view of what
20	she was doing, did you appear to have
21	responsibilities at a similar level to what she had
22	or did you appear to have greater or fewer
23	responsibilities?
24	A I would say I don't really know how to
25	answer that question. I mean, she had our

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1	responsibilities were very different.
2	Q Okay.
3	A But I wouldn't put one or the other in a
4	pecking order.
5	Q Gotcha.
6	What caused you to leave HomeBanc for
7	HomeBridge in 2001?
8	A My partner, Rick, decided to open a
9	company with his old partner, and I trusted them, so
10	I went with them.
11	Q And did you remain partners with Mr. Floyd
12	when you went over to HomeBridge?
13	A I well, yes, I had a very small, very
14	tiny, tiny, tiny percentage of my of the builder
15	division.
16	Q Okay.
17	A But technically Mr. Floyd was my boss.
18	Q Who was the other partner who he went into
19	business with at HomeBridge?
20	A Alex Koutouzis, and Greg Shumate, and
21	Peter Norden, and Marty Levine.
22	Q Were these individuals that came from
23	HomeBanc or from other
2 4	A Other companies.
25	Q Did you remain friends with Ms. Spearman

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1	after you left HomeBanc?
2	A I believe we did.
3	Q Were y'all seeing each other socially
4	during the time that you were not working at the
5	same place?
6	A I believe we did.
7	Q At some point the two of you began working
8	together again, correct?
9	A We did.
10	Q All right. Can you tell me how that came
11	to be?
12	A At some point, Gina became unhappy at
13	Wells Fargo, and she joined HomeBridge.
14	Q All right. And that would have been
15	between 2001 and 2005, correct?
16	A Yes. I don't remember the date that she
17	joined.
18	Q Did you have anything to do with her
19	leaving Wells Fargo and joining HomeBridge?
20	A I am sure that myself and Rick Floyd
21	and did. I truly can't remember the recruiting
22	process of that at that time.
23	Q When Ms. Spearman went over to HomeBridge,
24	what was your role at HomeBridge at that point?
25	A The builder I ran the builder division.

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1	Q Okay. And what was Ms. Spearman hired to
2	do?
3	A Loan origination.
4	Q Was that loan origination outside of
5	builders or with builders?
6	Let me ask a better question. Explain to
7	me what first what the builder division at
8	HomeBridge was. What did it do?
9	A I marketed builders to bring them into
10	HomeBridge and to support our sales staff with new
11	construction.
12	Q And what was Ms. Spearman's role as a loan
13	originator at HomeBridge?
14	A She originated loans.
15	Q For individual consumers?
16	A Yes, for consumers.
17	Q Obviously it got to the point where you
18	and Ms. Spearman became partners and leaders in
19	various companies.
20	Can you walk me through during this
21	progression from HomeBridge up to the present how
22	you and Ms. Spearman came to be involved as partners
23	in the lending industry?
24	A When we I left HomeBridge, Ms. Spearman
25	stayed with HomeBridge, and I went to Countrywide.

Page 55 1 0 Okay. 2 Α I recruited Mrs. Spearman to Countrywide. 3 From Countrywide, we went -- when Countrywide had the meltdown and was taken over by Bank of America, 4 5 Gina and I made a decision to go to Academy 6 Mortgage, and at that time, we decided to partner 7 up. Ms. Spearman decided that her kids were 8 9 still young and that she didn't really want to be in 10 a role of leadership while her children were still 11 young, so we still worked together. And then when 12 we went to Caliber, Mrs. Spearman's children were 13 getting older, and she took on the role of the builder -- I think she was the builder manager at 14 15 Caliber. She went into leadership. And then when 16 we left Caliber to go to Academy, we decided to 17 partner. 18 So -- and I've got -- so Academy was after 0 19 Caliber? 20 Α Academy was before Caliber. 21 Okay. And tell me what it means to 22 partner up. You said you guys decided to partner 23 Tell me what that means. up. 24 We split the income 70/30. Α I was 70; she 25 was 30.

Page 56 And this would be in a role of you guys 1 2 would be leading an office or region or walk me 3 through that. Leading a division. 4 Α 5 And that was first at Academy, correct, 0 that you guys partnered up? 6 7 We tried partnering at Academy, and Ms. Spearman decided that she didn't want to be in 8 9 leadership at that time. 10 Q Okay. 11 Α So --12 Q But then by --13 Α Our first partnership was at New American Funding, and we -- we split our income 70/30. 14 15 So you guys worked together at HomeBridge, 16 then you went back together at Countrywide, then 17 Countrywide melted down, and then y'all were with Countrywide, Academy, Caliber, and then New American 18 19 Funding together, correct? 20 Α You got it. 21 All right. And you were not partners, 22 though, until you went to New American Funding, 23 correct? 24 Α Yes, correct. 25 You referenced earlier that -- you Q

Page 57 referenced Caliber firing you earlier in the 1 2 deposition. Can you tell me the circumstances of that? 3 Α Caliber fired myself and Ms. Gina 4 Yes. 5 Spearman in October of 2017, I believe. And can you tell me -- were you 6 Okay. 7 fired because they knew you had found other jobs 8 or... Α Yes, sir. 10 And I assume that's pretty standard 0 11 in that industry, if they learn you're going 12 somewhere else, you don't work out a notice, you --13 you're gone? 14 Object to the form. MR. PERLOWSKI: 15 You can answer. 16 Α Yes. 17 BY MR. HARGROVE: 18 Fair enough? Q 19 Typically, yes. Α 20 So while you said you were fired, you 0 21 weren't fired for something -- the only thing that 22 you did was have a different job already lined up, 23 and you were leaving anyway, correct? 24 We didn't have a job lined up. Α They just 25 found out that we were talking to another company.

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1	So we had not secured a job. They just found out
2	that we were talking to other companies.
3	Q Was NAF the other company that you were
4	speaking with or were you talking to many?
5	A Yeah, we had talked to quite a few, so I
6	don't know which one they I don't know which one.
7	Q Sure. Understood.
8	So you considered Ms. Spearman a friend
9	since y'all first met at HomeBridge in 2001,
10	correct?
11	A Yes, we began a friendship in 2001.
12	Q Do you still consider Ms. Spearman your
13	friend as we sit here today?
14	A I love Ms. Spearman.
15	Q Okay. That wasn't exactly my question,
16	though.
17	Do you still consider her a friend?
18	A Ms. Spearman is not my friend.
19	Q Okay. And why is she no longer your
20	friend?
21	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
22	A I'm not answering that question.
23	BY MR. HARGROVE:
24	Q It's I'm entitled to explore whatever
25	biases you might have against my client, so

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1	A I don't have any biases against your
2	client. I just told you I love her.
3	Q Okay. Well, you told me she was your
4	friend.
5	A I love Ms. Spearman. She is not healthy
6	for me, so I can love people that aren't healthy for
7	me from afar.
8	Q All right. But if she's not your friend
9	anymore, I'm entitled to know why you do not
10	consider her a friend.
11	MR. PERLOWSKI: And she's just told you,
12	and she's testified about that
13	A I just told you.
14	MR. PERLOWSKI: earlier in the
15	deposition.
16	BY MR. HARGROVE:
17	Q Well, go ahead and tell me again
18	because
19	A I love Ms. Spearman very much.
20	MR. PERLOWSKI: Objection, asked and
21	answered.
22	Go ahead.
23	A I love Ms. Spearman very much.
24	BY MR. HARGROVE:
25	Q All right. So she's

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1	A And I have made a decision to love her
2	from afar because she is not healthy for me.
3	Q Okay. Why is she not healthy for you?
4	A I don't feel like she is someone that is
5	healthy for my life.
6	Q And what is it about her that makes her
7	unhealthy for your life?
8	A I think Ms. Spearman is about
9	Ms. Spearman, and I don't really like self-centered
10	people.
11	Q What has led you to the conclusion that
12	Ms. Spearman is a self-centered person?
13	A Well, a lot of things that aren't relative
14	to this case.
15	Q Tell me about those things that aren't
16	relative to this case that you contend aren't
17	relative to this case.
18	A Just the way that she Ms. Spearman is
19	going to put Ms. Spearman before anybody. I think
20	she manipulates people, and I don't like people that
21	manipulate people and then turn around and tell them
22	that they love them. That's not love. Love she
23	works for a company. She understands. Love is a
24	verb.
25	Q Now, who has Ms. Spearman manipulated and

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1	then told that she loved them that you're aware of?
2	A Several people.
3	Q Tell me who those several people are.
4	A Myself, my daughter.
5	Q Okay.
6	A That's personal. That's a personal
7	opinion. It has nothing to do with this case.
8	Q Anyone other than yourself and your
9	daughter who she's manipulated and then told she
10	loved?
11	A Not that I'm aware of.
12	MR. HARGROVE: Why don't we take a
13	five-minute restroom break. Y'all good with that?
14	MR. PERLOWSKI: Yeah.
15	MR. HARGROVE: Let's take five.
16	(Recess 10:47-11:01 a.m.)
17	BY MR. HARGROVE:
18	Q You referenced earlier a gentleman named
19	Lee Parks that you retained to collect what you were
20	owed from Caliber, correct?
21	A Uh-huh.
22	Q All right. Have you ever engaged Lee
23	Parks for any other matters?
24	MR. PERLOWSKI: I want to just caution
25	you, don't reveal the substance of any

Page 62 1 communications with Mr. Parks. That's your 2 privilege. He's asking you on what matters you 3 engaged Mr. Parks. You can answer that question. I have engaged Lee Parks to redline my 4 Α 5 employment agreement with New American Funding, and I engaged Lee Parks to obtain the money that Caliber 6 7 Home Loans owed me. 8 BY MR. HARGROVE: 9 0 Okay. When you say redline the employment 10 agreement, are you talking about the employment 11 agreement that was ultimately executed in or about 12 March of 2020 with NAF or are you talking about a 13 different --14 No, in 2017. Α 15 0 2017. You went to NAF in two thousand --16 '16, I'm sorry. Α 17 So when you went to NAF in 2016, you 18 retained Lee Parks to review your employment 19 agreement with NAF? 20 Yes, to redline it. Α 21 And were any of the changes in 22 your -- in the redline that he drafted incorporated 23 into your ultimate agreement in 2016 with NAF? 24 Α Yes, they were. 25 Was Ms. Spearman involved at all in the Q

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1	retention of Mr. Parks?
2	A I don't believe so.
3	Q Okay. Did you have any discussions with
4	Ms. Spearman at all about the fact you were having
5	Mr. Parks review your 2016 agreement with NAF?
6	A I'm sure I did. I don't remember the
7	conversation, but I shared most everything with
8	Gina.
9	Q Did you have any after let me go
10	back.
11	After Mr. Parks reviewed and redlined your
12	2016 agreement with NAF, did you engage Mr. Parks on
13	any other matters related to NAF?
14	A I don't believe that I did.
15	Q Was 2016 the last time you had a
16	discussion about any legal matter with Mr. Parks?
17	A I may have I may have spoken to Lee
18	about our when we were engaging going to a P&L
19	and new employment agreement to '19. I'd have to go
20	back on records. I mean, I don't have a bill from
21	him, but I may have reached out to him. In the long
22	run, we ended up retaining Les Watson.
23	Q Lex Watson?
24	A Lex Watson, yeah.
25	Q So although you might have reached out to

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     Mr. Parks, the only matter that you recall him being
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     engaged to address that pertained to NAF was the
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     review of the 2016 agreement, correct?
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               MR. PERLOWSKI:
                                Object to the form.
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               You can answer.
               I think so. It's been a long time ago.
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     really don't know, but, I mean, I feel like -- I'm
     trying to go back through the bills he sent me,
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     so --
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     BY MR. HARGROVE:
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          0
               Okay.
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               I'm not a hundred percent sure.
          Α
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          Q
               I'm going to hand you a document that is
     marked as Exhibit 2, which is a series of e-mails.
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                (Plaintiff's Exhibit 2 was marked for
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     identification.)
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     BY MR. HARGROVE:
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               And I want you to go back to -- you can
          Q
     review the whole document, but I want to start off
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     with, at the bottom right, NAF0000351, which looks
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     to be an e-mail you sent November 16, 2019.
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     I'll just ask you to take a glance at that.
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               Have you had a chance to look at it?
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          Α
               Yes.
                      The one from 7:25 a.m.?
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          Q
               Yes.
                     Well, I was actually -- that was the
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1	response to your e-mail. I wanted you to look at
2	your e-mail the next page.
3	A On 352?
4	Q Correct.
5	A Okay.
6	Q So the e-mail that begins on 351 and runs
7	to 352, what was the impetus behind you sending that
8	e-mail?
9	Had something happened that caused you to
10	send that e-mail?
11	A I'm assuming this I'm assuming this is
12	around the time that corporate made the decision to
13	take Tennessee and Virginia out of Gina and I's
14	division.
15	Q Okay. And you reference in the e-mail a
16	conference call with Christy, Jan, and Jon where you
17	were informed the company made that decision,
18	correct?
19	A Yes.
20	Q And this e-mail, I notice that you sent it
21	to I assume "Jon" was Jon Reed, correct?
22	A Uh-huh.
23	Q And Christy that you referred to was
24	Christy Bunce, correct?
25	A Uh-huh.

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1	Q And Jan would be Jan Preslo, correct?
2	A Uh-huh.
3	Q You also sent the e-mail to Rick and Patty
4	Arvielo, correct?
5	A Uh-huh.
6	Q Can you tell me why you also sent the
7	e-mail to Rick and Patty Arvielo?
8	A They are the president and CEO of the
9	company.
10	Q Okay. And why did you feel you should
11	send this e-mail about the individuals those
12	territories being removed also to Rick and Patty
13	Arvielo, who were executives in the company?
14	A I felt as though they probably had
15	something to do with the decision.
16	Q Why did you feel they had something to do
17	with the decision?
18	A I mean, they're the CEO and the president.
19	Q Okay.
20	A I'm assuming that they're not going to
21	make that decision without referring to them.
22	Q Have you witnessed Mr. and Mrs. Arvielo's
23	involvement in decisions within the company in the
24	past?
25	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to form.

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1	BY MR. HARGROVE:
2	Q Let me strike let me go back.
3	Are there facts on which you base your
4	assumption that Mr. and Mrs. Arvielo would have been
5	involved in a decision like this?
6	A Yes.
7	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
8	THE WITNESS: Sorry. You guys tell me
9	what I'm supposed to do.
L 0	MR. PERLOWSKI: No, it's fine. I'm
l 1	preserving the record. Unless I instruct you not to
L 2	answer, you can answer.
L 3	BY MR. HARGROVE:
L 4	Q So what are the
L 5	THE WITNESS: What does it actually mean
L 6	when you say "object to the form"?
L 7	MR. PERLOWSKI: I believe there's
L 8	something evidentially improper with the question,
L 9	and I'm reserving an object to the form.
20	THE WITNESS: Okay.
21	BY MR. HARGROVE:
22	Q So what are the facts or events that have
23	occurred that led you to believe that Mr. and
24	Mrs. Arvielo were involved in this decision?
25	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to form.

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1	You can answer.
2	A They own the company.
3	BY MR. HARGROVE:
4	Q Okay. Are there actions you've seen them
5	take that they are strike that.
6	Have you witnessed the Arvielos be
7	involved in day-to-day decisions like changing
8	territories for folks?
9	A I haven't been involved. I would assume
10	that they are.
11	Q Okay. You reference on page 352, your
12	last paragraph, it says: Rick, I know our last call
13	you stated, I just don't know what to show you girls
14	anymore to make you comfortable.
15	Do you see that?
16	A I do.
17	Q All right. Do you recall that call with
18	Mr. Arvielo that you're referring to?
19	A Yes, I do.
20	Q Okay. Tell me what you recall about that
21	call.
22	A He was frustrated with some of the
23	questions that Gina and I were asking that were
24	probably super meaty, super detailed, and maybe
25	information that he didn't know, and he got super

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1	frustrated.
2	Q This call with Mr. Arvielo, you were on
3	the call and Mr. Arvielo was on the call, correct?
4	A Yes.
5	Q Was Ms. Spearman on the call?
6	A Yes.
7	Q Was anyone else on the call?
8	A I think that Jason Obradovich was on the
9	call; I'm not a hundred percent sure. And possibly
10	maybe I don't know. I don't really remember
11	honestly who was all on that call. It's been a
12	while.
13	Q Have you had during the time you and
14	Ms. Spearman during this time where there were
15	discussions about pulling certain certain
16	territories from your region, was Mr. Arvielo
17	involved in more than one call or just one call?
18	A I don't think that this call with Rick
19	Arvielo had anything to do with pulling the region.
20	Q Okay.
21	A This was simply I was referring to the
22	call that we had as it relates to the P&L.
23	Q Okay. How often did you and Ms. Spearman
24	have calls with either Mr. or Mrs. Arvielo during
25	your tenure at NAF?

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1	A Gosh, I don't I wouldn't be able to
2	answer that. I don't know.
3	Q Okay. Would it be at least quarterly?
4	A Honestly, I don't I don't know. Maybe
5	if you wanted to say quarterly, that would probably
6	be a good assessment.
7	Q Okay. On these calls, recognize it's
8	roughly-roughly quarterly, with you and Ms. Spearman
9	that Mr. Arvielo was involved in, what kind of
10	topics were discussed?
11	A A lot during this time, a lot was
12	around the pay structure.
13	Q Okay.
14	A Changing over to a P&L. We were very
15	involved with Patty and Rick after the meltdown of
16	'18, and we changed compensation in '19. And
17	they we were talking at the time of going to a
18	P&L. They had never they had never put together
19	a P&L for the company on a divisional basis, so
20	they there was a lot we had a weekly call for
21	a while with Patty and Rick to discuss different P&L
22	models.
23	Q Okay.
24	A And they did ask all the SVPs to try to
25	obtain as many P&L models in the industry and submit

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1	them to them so that they could review what they
2	thought the different models that were in the
3	industry so that they could review to decide what
4	was going to be the best model for us at New
5	American Funding moving forward.
6	Q So on these weekly calls with Mr. and
7	Mrs. Arvielo, was there any discussion about the
8	current pay structure?
9	A There were calls there were meetings
10	around the current pay structure and the change of
11	that pay structure. The calls that we were
12	having and I think Rick may have been involved in
13	them, I'm not a hundred percent sure, but Patty was
14	definitely leading the weekly call in order for us
15	to gather different P&L models so that we could
16	discuss them amongst the SVPs.
17	Q Were there discussions on these calls that
18	Patty was taking the lead on of the way the current
19	pay structure operated?
20	A I don't remember that.
21	Q Okay. I want to talk about who is
22	Christy Bunce?
23	A She is the COO for New American Funding.
24	Q All right. And is she someone who you
25	report to or someone who's explain let me go

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1	back.
2	Explain her position as COO in relation to
3	your position with NAF, if any.
4	A She's one of the executive obviously
5	she's the COO of the company.
6	Q Okay.
7	A And I think I used to report to her
8	directly. I'm not sure that I do anymore.
9	Q Ms. Bunce is one of the individuals, I
10	assume, that was she on these weekly calls?
11	A I think she was. I'm not a hundred
12	percent sure.
13	Q If you look at the if you look at the
14	second sentence if we go to the e-mail, you see the
15	e-mail above yours that begins with "I honestly
16	think"?
17	A Uh-huh.
18	Q And that e-mail, obviously, you were not
19	copied on, correct?
20	A Does not appear so.
21	Q All right. The second sentence, Ms. Bunce
22	says: You can't reason or have a meaningful
23	relationship with a pathological liar.
24	Do you see that?
25	A I do.

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1	Q Do you have any reason to know why
2	Ms. Bunce would be calling you a pathological liar?
3	A I think you would have to ask Ms. Bunce
4	that.
5	Q Okay. Are you a pathological liar?
6	A I do not believe I'm a pathological liar.
7	Q Are you aware of anything you've said or
8	done that would lead Ms. Bunce to believe that you
9	were a pathological liar?
10	A I think you're going to have to ask
11	Ms. Bunce that.
12	Q Okay. What is your relationship do you
13	have any relationship beyond she's the COO and you
14	are the Southeast regional manager is that your
15	title?
16	A Yes.
17	Q Okay. Aside from that, do you have any
18	relationship of any sort with Ms. Bunce?
19	A I have a professional relationship with
20	Mrs. Bunce.
21	Q Okay. Do you like Ms. Bunce?
22	A Yeah, I like her.
23	Q Okay. Do you know does Ms. Bunce
24	have you had any negative interactions with
25	Ms. Bunce in the past?

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1	A Of course we have, yes.
2	Q Tell me about the negative interactions
3	you've had with Ms. Bunce.
4	A Well, clearly based on 352 and 353 when
5	they decided made the decision to take Tennessee
6	and Virginia from our region, clearly I expressed my
7	feelings about that.
8	Q Okay. Was there any expression of those
9	feelings other than this e-mail referenced on 352?
L 0	A We had a prior I don't know what the
l 1	date was, but we did have a conference call with
L 2	Christy Bunce, Jon Reed, and Jan Preslo where they
L 3	informed Gina and I that we would no longer be
L 4	that Tennessee and Virginia would no longer be under
L 5	our division.
L 6	Q Okay. Any other negative interactions
L 7	with Ms. Bunce?
L 8	A I am sure we have disagreed throughout my
L 9	tenure at New American Funding, but off the top of
20	my head, no.
21	Q Has Ms. Bunce ever called you a
22	pathological liar directly?
23	A No.
24	Q Does it surprise you that Ms. Bunce called
25	you a pathological liar in this e-mail to Mr. and

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1	Mrs. Arvielo, Ms. Preslo, and Mr. Reed?
2	A Yes, it was very shocking.
3	Q Had you seen this e-mail before today?
4	A Yes, I saw
5	MR. PERLOWSKI: You can answer if you've
6	seen it before today.
7	A Yes.
8	BY MR. HARGROVE:
9	Q Okay. Is this one of the documents you
L 0	reviewed in preparation for your deposition?
l 1	A It sure is.
L 2	Q Were there other e-mails than this one
L 3	that you reviewed in preparation for your
L 4	deposition?
L 5	A There was an e-mail that Gina had sent, I
L 6	think, to I don't remember. Again, I didn't see
L 7	dates, just they were pointing things out that she
L 8	had sent to, I believe, maybe Christy on different
L 9	timelines, and then another one from Christy which
20	basically said this is what we're going to do as it
21	related to early 2019 compensation.
22	Q Did you review any complete documents or
23	did you just review segments of documents in
24	preparation?
25	A No, it was segments of documents that they

Page 76 1 had on the Zoom screen. Have you had any discussion with 2 Q Okav. 3 Ms. Bunce since you learned that she had referred to you as a pathological liar about that? 4 5 Α Yes, I have. Tell me about that conversation. 6 0 Okay. 7 Well, she wanted to let me know that this Α would probably be brought up in deposition and that 8 9 it was a heated time and that she wanted me to know 10 that she was apologetic for ever saying it, and that 11 she doesn't mean it, and that she was just very 12 highly frustrated at the time, and that she regrets 13 it. 14 0 Did she tell you what she referenced you 15 being a pathological liar about? 16 I didn't ask her. Α 17 This was back in 2019, correct? Q 18 MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form. 19 BY MR. HARGROVE: 20 November 16, 2019, was the date of the 0 21 e-mail, correct? 22 Α Yes. All right. And did she call you before 23 24 your deposition preparation to tell you she had 25 called you a pathological liar in an e-mail?

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1	A Yes, she did.
2	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object I was going to
3	say object to the form.
4	BY MR. HARGROVE:
5	Q Did she forward you the e-mail?
6	A No, sir.
7	Q The first time you saw the e-mail would
8	have been during your deposition prep?
9	A Yes, sir.
10	Q But you already knew about it at that
11	point because Ms. Bunce had told you that she had
12	sent an e-mail calling you a pathological liar,
13	correct?
14	A Yes, sir.
15	Q And her explanation was things were heated
16	and she was just angry?
17	A She was highly
18	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form, asked
19	and answered.
20	BY MR. HARGROVE:
21	Q Go ahead. You can answer.
22	A She was frustrated, there was a lot of
23	pressure during that time, and that she regrets
24	saying that.
25	Q Did she say that it wasn't true or just

Page 78 that she regretted saying it? 1 2 Α She said that she regretted saying that, 3 and that she respects me very much, and it was a heated moment. That's what she said. 4 5 I want to change gears a little bit at this point and have you walk me through your 6 7 recruitment and how you and Ms. Spearman ultimately 8 ended up at NAF. 9 Can you walk me through that? 10 Mrs. Spearman and I were -- had made 11 the decision that we didn't think Caliber was going 12 to be a long-term home, so we started engaging with 13 several companies. 14 Mrs. Spearman had a call from New American 15 Funding's recruiter, Paul Pritchard. And I actually 16 was in California with Caliber Home Loans at a 17 regional meeting, and Ms. Spearman said, well, hey, since you're already in California, they're in 18 19 California, why don't I fly out, you're already 20 there, let's just see what this company is all 21 about. 22 Q Okay. 23 So we did, and the rest is history. Α 24 Q So who did you meet with when you flew out 25 to California?

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1	A We met with Rick Arvielo, Patty Arvielo,
2	Jan Preslo, Jon Reed, Paul Pritchard, Christy Bunce.
3	Q And the go ahead.
4	A I believe Jason Obradovich.
5	Q How involved was Rick Arvielo in the
6	discussions at that initial meeting?
7	A I mean, I believe they attended most of
8	from my recollection, I think they attended most of
9	the meetings that we had at their corporate office.
10	Q And were they passive attenders or were
11	they actively involved in the communications?
12	A They were actively involved in the
13	communications.
14	Q At these meetings that you had with NAF
15	while you were being recruited, were there
16	discussions about compensation?
17	A Of course.
18	Q Were Rick and Patty Arvielo involved in
19	those discussions about compensation?
20	A Not as much as Jon Reed led the
21	discussions on compensation.
22	Q But when Jon Reed was leading these
23	discussions about compensation, the Arvielos were
24	part of the meeting, correct?
25	A I really don't remember Patty and Rick

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1	being a part of the compensation meetings. I'm sure
2	they ran it by them, but it was mostly Jan, Jon, and
3	Christy Bunce.
4	Q Okay. How many meetings did you have in
5	person before you and Ms. Spearman made the decision
6	to go to NAF?
7	A I went to California 11 times.
8	Q And of those 11 times you went, did you
9	meet with people from NAF every time?
10	A Yes.
11	Q And of those 11 meetings, how many were
12	Rick Arvielo in attendance at?
13	A Rick Arvielo and Patty, the executive team
14	was, I would say, 80 percent of those meetings
15	because we were bringing team members out to
16	introduce them to New American Funding, so we made
17	the decision to go to New American Funding as a
18	group decision. So we brought I think it was 42
19	of our teammates out to New American Funding over
20	a I think it was like a four- or five-month
21	period of time.
22	Q So you had the two of you and then people
23	who worked for you who would also be moving to New
24	American Funding travel to California, correct?
25	A Yes.

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1	Q And those individuals also met with Rick
2	and Patty Arvielo in these in-person meetings,
3	correct?
4	A Yes.
5	Q You said there were 42 people on your team
6	who were talking
7	A I may that may not be an accurate
8	number, but I think that was one of the numbers I
9	heard them the corporate office throw out.
10	Q The 42, roughly recognizing it's
11	rough people, what were their obviously you
12	and Ms. Spearman were at the top of the hierarchy on
13	your team. Walk me through how far down the
14	hierarchy you got with these 42 employees.
15	A We brought our leadership with operations,
16	and we brought loan officers that actually do rank
17	higher than Gina and I. That's how we were able
18	to that's how we make our living is taking care
19	of loan officers
20	Q Okay.
21	A supporting them. So they rank higher
22	than we do.
23	Q So tell me about your team. You guys when
24	you went to NAF and I assume at Caliber were
25	the managers of the office, correct?

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1	A Could you repeat the question?
2	Q Let me just ask you this. I think I can
3	clarify it.
4	Explain to me the hierarchy of employees
5	when you and Ms. Spearman were a team. Walk me down
6	the org chart down to the bottom level.
7	A At New American Funding?
8	Q Start off with Caliber, and then we'll
9	talk, if it changed, about New American Funding.
10	A Oh, gosh. I don't remember my title.
11	Maybe it was regional manager, I think, maybe. I
12	don't know. I don't know what Gina's title was.
13	And we led the the Southeast division. Gina
14	managed the builder division, from my recollection.
15	And I mean, like any like anything,
16	we're there to support our team. So I don't
17	that's all I I don't know what you mean by
18	"hierarchy."
19	Q So if it was a basketball team, you'd have
20	guards, forwards, and maybe a center. Obviously in
21	a mortgage team, you're going to have different
22	names of different positions and different duties.
23	So what I want to understand is of the
24	people who were taken to meet with NAF executives
25	including Rick and Patty Arvielo, what were the

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1	positions of the folks that you took?
2	A Originators, processors, underwriting
3	manager, loan originators, branch manager. I can't
4	remember if we took our marketing director or not.
5	I think we took our closing manager as well. If I
6	remember correctly, I think we did.
7	Q Of those positions, what was the lowest
8	level position that was actually taken to
9	California?
10	A You're going to have to define "lowest
11	level."
12	Q All right. Well, let's start with this:
13	What was the lowest compensation employee who you
14	took to California?
15	A I'm going to guess the processing manager.
16	Q All right. How much did the processing
17	manager make?
18	A About \$120,000 a year. I'm guessing. I
19	don't know.
20	Q Okay. So all those other positions were
21	more than \$120,000-a-year positions, recognizing it
22	was an estimate?
23	A I don't know that. I didn't pull their
24	W-2s prior to asking them to go to New American
25	Funding

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1	Q Okay.
2	A for a visit.
3	Q How many employees you said there were
4	roughly 42 who went.
5	How many employees were there on the team
6	at Caliber?
7	A All 42.
8	Q So every one of the Caliber employees that
9	was on the team was taken to California, correct?
10	A Not every one. You asked me how many of
11	the 42 were on the Caliber team. All 42 were on the
12	Caliber team.
13	Q All right. How large was the entire
14	Caliber team regardless of whether they were taken
15	to California or not?
16	A Oh, gosh. I don't remember. Couple
17	hundred.
18	Q Couple hundred.
19	So roughly 20 percent of the Caliber team
20	was taken to California for these meetings, correct?
21	A If that's if that's the correct math,
22	then that's correct.
23	Q When you had these meetings with NAF, was
24	there a discussion about what your role would be
25	were you to go with your team to NAF?

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1	A We did I did not discuss roles or
2	compensation with New American Funding until I knew
3	that the team felt like it was a good fit.
4	Q And how did you surmise that the team felt
5	like it was a good fit?
6	A I communicated. I asked them after the
7	presentation and after they had an opportunity to
8	ask New American Funding questions, I asked them
9	what they thought.
10	Q So I'm assuming then you only asked the
11	ones who went to California, not the entire
12	200-person team, correct?
13	A I had conversations with many of our
14	teammates that didn't have a chance to go to
15	California.
16	Q Okay.
17	A And of the ones that did go to California,
18	I asked them what they thought, and then they would
19	go back and tell other others what they thought.
20	Q All right. So you've got the team on
21	board, and then now was the time for you to have a
22	discussion with NAF about roles, responsibilities,
23	and compensation, correct?
24	A That's right.
25	Q When you had those discussions, did you

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1	have those discussions alone or was Ms. Spearman
2	also involved in those discussions?
3	A She was involved in some of them, not all
4	of them.
5	Q Were those discussions in Georgia,
6	California, or by phone?
7	A All mostly in California and some by
8	phone.
9	Q And what were the discussions about what
10	your role would be? Tell me about those
11	discussions.
12	A We've changed titles. I think I was
13	the role was divisional I don't remember the
14	title that we came up with.
15	Q So what were you going to be doing?
16	Regardless of the title, what was your job going to
17	be? What was your job description?
18	A Growing the Southeast for New American
19	Funding.
20	Q Okay. All right. And do you know what
21	Ms. Spearman's role was going to be?
22	A Growing the Southeast for New American
23	Funding.
24	Q Were there any specific parameters as to
25	how you and Ms. Spearman were supposed to grow the

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1	Southeast for New American Funding?
2	A No, they did not give us specific
3	parameters on how we were supposed to do that.
4	Q Okay. Were there discussions about the
5	methods you might employ to do that?
6	A With who?
7	Q With anyone at NAF?
8	A I don't really remember.
9	Q Okay. Were there discussions with NAF in
10	addition to what the roles and duties would be about
11	what the compensation would be?
12	A I don't think they gave us a job
13	description. Maybe they did. I don't know. Don't
14	remember.
15	Q What about discussions about compensation?
16	A Yes, they they explained to us how we
17	were going to be compensated.
18	Q Tell me what they explained to you about
19	how you were going to be compensated.
20	A Oh, my gosh. I got to go back. We've
21	changed compensation quite a few times.
22	Basically there's a bucket of 140 basis
23	points, and I got to be honest with you, I don't
24	remember how we broke that down. It's been a long
25	time ago.

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1	Q So you don't recall anything other than a
2	bucket of 140 basis points about the discussions
3	about what your compensation was going to be?
4	A It was very it's very different when
5	we first came to New American Funding, it was very
6	different. You have, like I mean, you get paid
7	on a we got paid on the branch. We got paid
8	differently on branch manager's personal production.
9	I want to say there was, like, 140 basis points.
10	How that was broken down, I'll be honest with you, I
11	don't remember.
12	Q Was the ultimately that compensation
13	was reduced to a writing, correct?
14	A It was reduced to
15	Q Reduced to a writing, to a document,
16	correct? And we'll look at a document.
17	A Yes, yes. Of course it was.
18	Q All right. And you said you said your
19	compensation had changed quite a few times.
20	Were you referring to since that initial
21	document?
22	A Since our initial yes, since 2016, yes.
23	Q All right. Tell me how your compensation
24	has changed since 2016.
25	A We gosh, there's so many different

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1	little segments of it. Again, I'd have to I'd
2	have to review the details of it.
3	Q Okay. When you were looking at the new
4	compensation system that ultimately was resulting
5	from the March 2020 document, you hired Lex Watson
6	to review your current agreement, correct?
7	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to form.
8	A Yes, we hired yes.
9	BY MR. HARGROVE:
10	Q Did you send Lex Watson all the documents
11	that you believed comprise your compensation at the
12	time as of the date let me go back.
13	Certain documents were forwarded to Lex
14	Watson, correct?
15	A Yes.
16	Q All right. Those were all the documents
17	related to your compensation with NAF, correct?
18	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
19	A I assume so.
20	BY MR. HARGROVE:
21	Q You wouldn't have left anything out,
22	correct?
23	A I would hope not.
2 4	Q Tell me about marketing. Did you have
25	discussions with NAF about marketing?

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1	A Yes, I did have discussions with NAF about
2	marketing.
3	Q Tell me about those discussions.
4	A Could you be more specific?
5	Q Sure.
6	NAF was talking to you, talking to your
7	team in these approximately 11 trips to California.
8	What was discussed during these
9	approximate 11 trips to California about marketing
10	and how that would work were you to come to NAF?
11	A Well, they were they have a very robust
12	marketing team. We do all of our own printing, so
13	we did a tour of the marketing department. We
14	talked about, you know, the fact that a lot of the
15	marketing that New American Funding does for our
16	team post closing, you know, the co-branding on the
17	mortgage statement and the quarterly updates,
18	postcards to our clients, all of that is free, so
19	our loan officers would not have to contribute to
20	that.
21	Q Okay. Were there were there marketing
22	expenses discussed that NAF would not take care of?
23	A I'm sure there was because, you know,
24	clearly they don't take care of all marketing. I'm
25	sure, you know, loan officers have to invest in

Page 91 their yard signs and, you know, that type of thing. 1 2 So I'm sure there was; I just don't remember. 3 Did you have a television show that you 0 used for marketing before you went over to NAF? 4 5 We did, yeah. Were there discussions about that 6 0 7 television show with NAF and who would pay for that? Α 8 Yes. 9 Tell me about those discussions. 10 We let them know that we would love to Α 11 remain as the exclusive, you know, mortgage partner 12 for Atlanta's Best New Homes. And they -- I don't 13 know that they wrote it into our contracts. I think 14 we really just broke that down as we're going to do 15 7 and a half basis points per loan towards 16 marketing, and that should basically cover some of 17 those expenses or cover the expense of, you know, 18 obviously Atlanta's Best New Homes. 19 I want to hand you a document that we'll Q 20 mark -- have marked Exhibit 3. 21 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 3 was marked for 22 identification.) BY MR. HARGROVE: 23 24 Q I'll ask you to take a look through this and tell me if you --25

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               MR. PERLOWSKI:
                                Travis, are the last two
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     pages intended to be included? I'm just asking.
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               MR. HARGROVE:
                               They were in it the way we
 4
     got it.
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               MS. GIBSON:
                            Yes, they're intended.
                                That's fine.
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               MR. PERLOWSKI:
                                               I'm just
 7
     asking.
              Well, this is a Spearman Bates label.
     That's the only -- I'm just asking. It's fine.
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     BY MR. HARGROVE:
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               Take a look and see if you recognize
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11
     Exhibit 3.
12
               I'm a little confused. This says "revised
13
     3/4/2016."
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          0
               Okay.
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          Α
               We weren't with New American Funding in
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     March of 2016.
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               So let me just ask you, do you contend
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     these aren't your initials and signature on the
19
     documents 1243 through 1248?
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               No, they are.
          Α
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          0
               Okay.
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          Α
               But that doesn't -- those documents don't
23
     say revised, only -- only the cover letter
24
     through -- through the divisional manager agreement.
     So I don't -- I don't know what this is.
                                                 It says --
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1	oh, wait. That's revised 11/5 of '15. I didn't
2	work there then.
3	Q Is it possible that this is a New American
4	Funding form that was revised before the date you
5	signed it?
6	A Oh, maybe that's it. And then the second
7	is revised on 3/4/2016, and then the next one
8	revised 3/4/2016. Okay. I guess, yeah, possibly.
9	Q So 1243 through 1248 you would agree is an
10	offer letter that you signed off on and accepted,
11	correct?
12	A It appears I did.
13	Q Before we go to the next one, I do want to
14	ask one question that popped in my mind afterwards
15	about the marketing.
16	That 7 and a half basis points for
17	marketing, was that a 70/30 split with you and
18	Ms. Spearman?
19	A No.
20	Q No?
21	A That's marketing dollars that they were
22	going to that 7 and a half basis points per loan
23	would be contributed to New American Funding the
24	Southeast for New American Funding as a whole.
25	Q Okay. And so Gina was not a beneficiary

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1	of any of that; that was all you?
2	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form,
3	mischaracterizes testimony.
4	A Could you repeat the question?
5	BY MR. HARGROVE:
6	Q Sure.
7	Was Ms. Spearman to benefit from that
8	7 and a half basis points, or was that just for your
9	purposes?
10	A The entire Southeast would benefit from
11	that.
12	Q Okay.
13	A We were using those dollars to brand and
14	grow the Southeast. Everybody benefited from that.
15	Q And that was 7 and a half basis points off
16	the top of all loans through generated through
17	the Southeast?
18	A I'd have to
19	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
20	You can answer.
21	A I have to go back and look at the exact
22	verbiage.
23	BY MR. HARGROVE:
24	Q Okay.
25	A You want to reference the page?

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1	Q Sure. We can we'll get if we look
2	on page 1245, it says: 7. Marketing Agreement.
3	Kelly is eligible to receive 7.5 basis points per
4	loan for the duration of her employment to be used
5	for approved marketing purposes on your eligible
6	banked funded volume.
7	Does that refresh your recollection?
8	A Yes.
9	Q All right. So my question to you is out
10	of that 7 and a half basis points, was any of that
11	allocated towards Ms. Spearman or was it all
12	allocated towards you?
13	A It was allocated for the whole Southeast.
14	Q Okay. All right. So you agree with me
15	that the offer letter, Spearman 1243 through 1248,
16	is what it's referenced, that you have signed and
17	initialed those are your initials and those are
18	your signature on each of the pages your initials
19	are on pages 1243 through 1247, correct?
20	A Uh-huh. That would be correct.
21	Q And you signed on page 1248, correct?
22	A Looks like my signature.
23	Q And you accepted the offer, correct?
24	A I did accept the offer.
25	Q Was this offer letter you referenced

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1	that you had had a redline version of your offer
2	from NAF by Lee Parks.
3	Did Lee Parks mark up the offer letter
4	that we've just talked about?
5	MR. PERLOWSKI: Hold on a second. Hold on
6	a second. Don't instruct you again not to reveal
7	any privileged communications you may have had with
8	Mr. Parks. To the extent that you can answer it
9	without revealing a privileged communication, you
10	can do so.
11	A I would not have signed it if Mr. Parks
12	did not tell me that it was okay to.
13	BY MR. HARGROVE:
14	Q Okay. All right. Let's look next at the
15	divisional manager agreement that starts at 1249 and
16	goes through 1256.
17	A Okay.
18	Q Is that your divisional manager agreement
19	signed by you, document Spearman 1249 through 1256?
20	A That's my signature.
21	Q All right. And you agree it's a true and
22	correct copy, correct?
23	A It looks like I signed it. It doesn't
24	look like New American Funding signed it, but I did.
25	Q And you wouldn't have signed this without

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     your counsel, you said earlier, reviewing it for
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 2
     you, correct?
                I wouldn't have signed it unless he told
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          Α
     me I was okay to sign it.
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 5
               Okay. Are you familiar with the term
     "override bonus"?
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          Α
               Yes, I am.
               What is an override bonus?
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          Α
                It is a dollar figure broken down into BPs
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     that's agreed upon that you will receive after the
11
     loan funds.
12
               Were you to be paid override bonuses
13
     pursuant to the agreement that we've been looking
     at?
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15
          Α
               Yes.
16
               Were you paid such bonuses pursuant to the
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17
     agreement?
18
          Α
                Yes.
19
               Do you believe you were paid all the
          Q
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     moneys you were owed by NAF pursuant to this
21
     agreement?
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          Α
               Yes.
23
               Let's flip to page Spearman 1262. Let me
24
     know -- are you there?
25
          Α
               Yes, I am.
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Page 98 All right. And would you agree with me 1 0 2 that this is a Schedule 1 that sets forth your 3 compensation details pursuant to your November 21, 2016, employment agreement divisional manager 4 5 agreement? 6 Α Yes. 7 And if I flip to the page Spearman 1264 --0 8 are you there? 9 Α Uh-huh. 1.4B says: 10 All right. No override bonus 0 11 will be paid on the following loans. 12 Are you following me? 13 Α Uh-huh. 14 All right. And if I look at the 0 15 following -- there are some items listed, and then 16 there's an X in the box for "no, not applicable to 17 this divisional vice president Schedule 1," correct? 18 Α Yes. 19 All right. So would you agree with me 20 that pursuant to your agreement of November 16, 21 2016, you were to be paid override bonuses on all of 22 the loans listed with the various bullet points above the box checked "no"? 23 24 MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form. I think we were under -- we thought we 25 Α

Page 99 1 were supposed to be paid on those loans. 2 BY MR. HARGROVE: 3 0 Okay. But, you know, obviously our -- nobody was 4 Α 5 paid on those loans, not even our branch managers. So we were never paid on those loans after our 6 discussion with our corporate office, and they said 7 nobody gets paid on these loans, so no, we did not 8 9 get paid on those loans. 10 Despite the fact that those loans are not 11 exempted from item 1.4B, you were not paid on those 12 loans? 13 MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form. 14 No, I was not paid on those loans. Α 15 BY MR. HARGROVE: 16 And the same goes for 1.4C, D, and E that 17 are marked "not applicable," correct? 18 MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form. 19 No, I was -- no, I -- what are you asking Α 20 me? 21 BY MR. HARGROVE: 22 Q What I'm asking you is each of these boxes 23 that are marked not -- let me just ask it 24 individually. 25 The following items will be All right.

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1	deducted 1.4C from the override bonus calculation.
2	And it is checked "no, not applicable to this
3	divisional vice president."
4	Do you see that?
5	A Uh-huh.
6	Q Were those items deducted from your
7	override bonus calculation?
8	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
9	A At some point, yes, the ASA decimals were
10	deducted from yes, they were.
11	BY MR. HARGROVE:
12	Q Okay. Despite the fact your agreement
13	states they would not be?
14	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
15	A Clearly.
16	BY MR. HARGROVE:
17	Q Well, let me go back to 1.4B. You said
18	you were never paid on these loans.
19	Did you raise a concern with corporate or
20	with anyone that these loans were not exempted from
21	override bonuses pursuant to your agreement yet you
22	were not being paid the override bonuses?
23	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
24	You can answer.
25	A We did, and they explained to us that

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1	nobody in the company, no SVPs, no branch managers,
2	nobody is paid on these particular loans.
3	BY MR. HARGROVE:
4	Q Okay. When you say "we did," who is we?
5	A Gina and I.
6	Q When did you and Gina Spearman reach out
7	to corporate to have this conversation?
8	A Oh, goodness, sir, I couldn't I don't
9	remember.
10	Q Well, you had a guarantee period, correct?
11	A Yeah, we did.
12	Q And you guys hit that and went past that
13	very quickly, right?
14	A Uh-huh.
15	Q So did you notice that you had not been
16	paid on the loans except for which the box is
17	checked "no" on Section 1.4B?
18	A Yeah.
19	Q Did Ms. Spearman notice that separately or
20	did y'all notice it together?
21	A I don't remember. I don't remember who
22	noticed it first.
23	Q And your testimony is that then you
24	together called someone at corporate?
25	A I don't remember if we called together or

Page 102 if it was separate. It was addressed. 1 Who, what 2 time, what date, I don't remember. It was It was told to us that we would not be 3 addressed. getting paid on those loans and that nobody gets 4 5 paid on those loans. And you accepted that explanation? 6 7 Α Yeah, we did. Ms. Spearman, you contend, also accepted 8 Q 9 that explanation? 10 Α Yeah. 11 Were you given any document? Did they 0 12 say, oh, oops, your agreement's wrong, we need to 13 send you a new one? 14 I -- my understanding is -- I don't know. 15 I don't know the answer to that. 16 But your testimony is that Ms. Spearman 17 was just fine not being paid on these loans because 18 corporate said nobody gets paid on these loans? 19 Α I can't speak for Mrs. Spearman. 20 So did she -- did you have any discussions 0 21 with her about either or both of you objecting to 22 not being paid override bonuses on these loans? 23 MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form. 24 They said we weren't going to get paid on Α 25 them.

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1	BY MR. HARGROVE:
2	Q Were you okay with not getting paid on
3	those?
4	A I mean, yeah, at the time. I mean, we
5	didn't, like, run to HR or, you know, go
6	Q Do you know Eric Fellows?
7	A Yes, I do know Eric Fellows.
8	Q Did you find out that Eric Fellows got
9	paid on these loans?
10	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to form.
11	BY MR. HARGROVE:
12	Q Did you know that?
13	A I don't know if he got paid on override
14	bonus during the guarantee period or if he got paid
15	on these loans. Maybe it was both. I don't
16	remember. I have not been shown any documentation.
17	But I do know that it was brought up, and our
18	corporate office made the decision based on his
19	contractual agreement to pay him during the
20	guarantee period. I don't know if they paid him on
21	the loans or if they just paid him on the guarantee
22	period.
23	Q Okay. Would it upset you if he got paid
24	on those loans and you didn't?
25	A He oh. Did he get paid on those loans?

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1	Q Well, you said you didn't know whether he
2	got paid on the loans.
3	A No, I'm asking you.
4	Q I'll represent to you that he said he got
5	paid on those loans in his deposition, yes.
6	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
7	BY MR. HARGROVE:
8	Q Does that upset you that he got paid on
9	those loans and you didn't?
10	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form,
11	mischaracterizes testimony.
12	BY MR. HARGROVE:
13	Q You can answer.
14	A I get so confused between him and you.
15	Well, it wouldn't seem fair, no, would it.
16	Q Okay.
17	A If that's the case.
18	Q But your testimony is you just accepted a
19	verbal statement from corporate that, hey, no one
20	gets paid on these loans and didn't worry about it
21	beyond there?
22	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form of the
23	question
24	A They said no.
25	MR. PERLOWSKI: asked and answered.

Page 105 We didn't --1 Α 2 MR. PERLOWSKI: Her testimony will speak for itself. 3 BY MR. HARGROVE: 4 5 And Ms. Spearman and you didn't have any 6 conversations subsequent to corporate telling you, 7 oh, no one gets paid on those about not getting paid on these loans? 8 9 No, we did have conversation about that 10 after Eric. We did have conversation about that. 11 But, honestly, I did not know until just now that 12 Eric got paid on those loans. I thought it was he 13 was getting paid on loan officers that he hired during the guarantee period. 14 15 Okay. 0 16 So if that -- I mean, that is the first 17 that I've known about that. I guess I could have 18 gone back and looked if I really wanted to know, but 19 it wasn't important. 20 Well, you, in fact, at least engaged in 21 discussions to potentially engage counsel to sue NAF for not getting override bonuses on these loans, 22 23 correct? 24 Α With Les [sic]? 25 Hold on a second. MR. PERLOWSKI:

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1	not to reveal any communications with Mr. Watson in
2	this deposition. That's covered by attorney-client
3	privilege. So I'm going to instruct you not to
4	answer that question.
5	BY MR. HARGROVE:
6	Q You actually
7	MR. PERLOWSKI: You can answer it to the
8	extent that there were nonprivileged conversations
9	about the topic, but that's it.
10	BY MR. HARGROVE:
11	Q You've talked to a lawyer other than Lex
12	Watson with Ms. Spearman about potentially suing NAF
13	for not paying you these
14	MR. PERLOWSKI: Same
15	BY MR. HARGROVE:
16	Q overrides, correct?
17	MR. PERLOWSKI: Same instruction. You're
18	not to answer the question. That inherently reveals
19	privileged communications. I'm instruct
20	BY MR. HARGROVE:
21	Q You spoke to Ms. Gibson about potentially
22	suing NAF, correct?
23	MR. PERLOWSKI: Same instruction.
24	BY MR. HARGROVE:
25	Q The privilege is yours. You can

Page 107 1 MR. PERLOWSKI: Same instruction. 2 BY MR. HARGROVE: 3 -- waive it or you can -- it's your 0 privilege, not his. You can answer the question, or 4 5 you can stand on the privilege. If you're not answering, just tell me 6 7 you're not answering. That's fine. Oh, I'm sorry. I'm not answering the 8 9 question. 10 You and Ms. Spearman have discussed suing 11 NAF over not being paid these override bonuses, 12 correct? 13 MR. PERLOWSKI: You can answer 14 Mr. Hargrove's questions to the extent it does not 15 involve lawyers present. 16 We did -- I have never hired an attorney 17 to sue New American Funding. 18 BY MR. HARGROVE: 19 Q Okay. 20 I have engaged legal counsel for their Α 21 opinion on our contractual agreement mostly for the 22 purpose of ensuring that we were protected when we 23 went into our new agreement with New American 24 Funding. So I have never hired counsel to sue New 25 American Funding.

Page 108 I have hired counsel to review my 1 2 current -- my contract that I -- or agreement that we have. We did -- I did ask advice on the division 3 vice president or -- will be reduced 5 basis points 4 5 on candidates sourced internal and external 6 recruiters, it says, no, not applicable, and I was 7 deducted 5 basis points for that. So yes, I asked counsel --8 9 MR. PERLOWSKI: Don't reveal 10 communications with counsel. 11 -- but I did not hire anyone to sue New 12 American Funding. 13 BY MR. HARGROVE: 14 But you discussed with Ms. Spearman being 0 involved in a lawsuit for the exact same reasons 15 16 that she's suing over not being paid these 17 overrides, correct? 18 I did not -- I did not pursue suing New 19 American Funding. 20 Okay. But you agree you engaged in 0 21 discussions with Ms. Spearman about suing New 22 American Funding for not being paid on these loans, 23 correct? 24 I have had conversations with Gina about Α

how I think that this is interpreted because we have

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Page 109 had two legal -- I've had two legal, Lee Parks and 1 2 Lex, and they have -- as they walked me through it --3 MR. PERLOWSKI: Don't reveal your 4 5 conversations with your counsel. -- that this is a very complicated 6 7 agreement, that A doesn't equal -- 1 and 1 doesn't equal 2, that it can be interpreted in many 8 9 different ways, and that it has a lot of provisions 10 in the agreement. 11 BY MR. HARGROVE: 12 0 So --13 Α That is the counsel that I was given. 14 MR. PERLOWSKI: Again, don't reveal your 15 communications with your legal counsel. 16 BY MR. HARGROVE: 17 I want to go back to the question I asked. 0 18 You discussed with Ms. Spearman, well 19 after that call with corporate, right after you 20 employed, the possibility of suing NAF over these 21 override bonuses, correct? 22 Α Would --23 MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form. 24 Would -- if we sued New American Funding, Α would they have to pay us these dollars, that is a 25

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1	discussion that we did have. I did not pursue suing
2	New American Funding.
3	BY MR. HARGROVE:
4	Q That was a discussion you and Ms. Spearman
5	had years after this call with corporate, correct?
6	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
7	A Years after what conversation?
8	BY MR. HARGROVE:
9	Q Your testimony earlier was that when you
10	weren't paid on these loans, you called corporate,
11	and they said, oh, nobody gets paid on those, and
12	you and Ms. Spearman were okay with that.
13	You recall that testimony?
14	A Yes.
15	Q Okay. But a lengthy time after that, you
16	were having discussions with Ms. Spearman about
17	whether you would participate in this lawsuit,
18	correct?
19	MR. PERLOWSKI: Objection, asked and
20	answered.
21	A That I was having conversations with
22	Ms. Spearman about participating in this lawsuit?
23	BY MR. HARGROVE:
24	Q Yes.
25	A I did not have conversations with

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1	Ms. Spearman about participating in this lawsuit.
2	Q Okay. Did you have conversations with her
3	about whether you would pursue action to recover
4	moneys on these loans for which you were not paid
5	overrides?
6	A We talked about it, but we never pursued
7	it. We talked about in a court of law, would they
8	have to pay us after they paid Eric, but on what I
9	thought to be only during the guarantee period. We
L 0	talked about it, but we did not pursue suing New
l 1	American Funding.
L 2	Q Why? Why didn't you pursue suing New
L 3	American Funding?
L 4	MR. PERLOWSKI: And again, I don't want
L 5	you to reveal any privilege communications in that
L 6	regard. To the extent you can answer without
L 7	revealing a privileged communication, you can do so.
L 8	A I don't know.
L 9	BY MR. HARGROVE:
20	Q How much money was at stake on these
21	overrides that you weren't paid on?
22	A I don't know.
23	Q So your testimony is as we sit here today,
24	you believe you were paid everything you were owed

pursuant to your November 21, 2016, agreement?

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MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.

A Listen, I stayed out of the compensation with New American Funding for the most part. I left that a lot up -- I would say probably 80 percent of it to Sarah and Gina because it was a very frustrating process that was very foreign to me.

I was outside of my comfort zone in the way that New American Funding paid, so I really got to the point where the level of frustration and the time to break pay down became not worth it to me. So I would tell Sarah just let me know what you're -- just let me know what they're going to pay me.

BY MR. HARGROVE:

Q You would agree that it was a multiple six figures amount that you would have been paid if you received overrides on these loans that are referenced in Section 1.4B, correct?

MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.

A I would assume -- I don't know. I'd have to -- I don't even remember the calculation of which we would have gotten paid on those loans, so I'm sure it would be a nice -- it's probably a good sum of money.

BY MR. HARGROVE:

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1	Q All right. And that just wasn't important
2	enough to you to dig into and make sure you were
3	being paid correctly?
4	A Maybe to you that sounds a little crazy,
5	but at the time, I wanted to enjoy my job more than
6	I wanted to worry about money. And so I found that
7	if I focused on doing my job versus how much money I
8	was going to get paid, I was a lot happier.
9	Q Are you familiar with the term
10	"compensation differential"?
11	A I am, but you're going to need to probably
12	give me a little overview because I forget a lot of
13	these terms. It's been a long time ago.
14	Q Well, if you don't know all I'm asking
15	is what your knowledge today.
16	So you don't know what that term means,
17	correct?
18	A Compensation differential. I'm sure I do.
19	I'm sure it had something to do with my pay.
20	Q What are basis points?
21	A As I stated before, basis points are BPs
22	that are usually tied either to pricing or
23	compensation, can be tied to a lot of things. It
24	can be tied to P&Ls. It can be tied to
25	profitability. It can be tied to a lot of things.

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1	In the mortgage industry, we break most
2	things down based on basis points.
3	Q Are you aware of any changes being made to
4	your agreement Exhibit Number 3?
5	A You're going to have to direct me.
6	Q Are you aware of any changes subsequent to
7	this agreement that we've been looking at?
8	Did NAF make any changes to the agreement
9	that you're aware of?
10	A When?
11	Q At any point.
12	A Yes.
13	Q Okay. Tell me when they changed the
14	agreement.
15	A In sometime in early '19. I believe it
16	may have been
17	Q Early '19.
18	A February.
19	Q Okay. What changed in February 2019?
20	A In February 2019, NAF advised Gina and I
21	that we would no longer receive marketing dollars,
22	that if we wanted to participate in marketing
23	dollars or if we wanted to market, use marketing
24	dollars, it had to come from our own compensation.
25	Q Okay. All right. And we'll get into

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1	that was after the leadership meeting, correct?
2	A I don't know which leadership meeting
3	you're referring to.
4	Q Do you recall a leadership meeting in 2019
5	where there was discussion by the NAF leadership
6	team of a \$30 million misallocation of funds?
7	A Yeah, they met with us individually, they
8	didn't meet with us as a team, to review that
9	misallocation.
10	Q Okay. Tell me what they told you when
11	they reviewed the misallocation.
12	A That they misallocated \$30 million between
13	CM1 and CM2.
14	Q All right. Do you know what CM1 or CM2
15	are?
16	A No. I didn't no, I didn't know.
17	Q Were there any documents you saw about
18	this \$30 million misallocation?
19	A No.
20	Q Would it surprise you that NAF has denied
21	in pleadings that there ever was any such
22	misallocation in this case?
23	A From my recollection, that's what we were
24	told.
25	Q And that was the basis of y'all having to

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Page 116 eat these marketing expenses, correct? 1 2 MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form. 3 Α Yes. BY MR. HARGROVE: 4 5 The \$30 million misallocation was why they 0 told you you would need to start paying marketing 6 7 expenses, correct? Yes, sir. 8 Α 9 0 Okay. We'll circle back to that a little more in a minute, but I want to -- you said there 10 11 was the 2019 change. 12 Any other change to your agreement 13 Exhibit 3 other than the 2019 change after the 14 misallocation you were told occurred and you would 15 have to pay marketing expenses? 16 MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form. 17 We were going to have to absorb all PEs Α over 7/8 on conventional loans and I think it was 1 18 19 on government, but I'm not a hundred percent sure. 20 I just remember 7/8 on conventional. I think 1 on 21 government, but I'm not a hundred percent sure. 22 BY MR. HARGROVE: 2.3 And this was at the same time with that 0 marketing change, correct? 24 25 Α Yes, it was.

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1	Q Any other changes to your agreement up to
2	the point that the March 2020 agreement was signed?
3	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
4	You can answer.
5	A Could you repeat that for me?
6	BY MR. HARGROVE:
7	Q Sure.
8	We talked about Exhibit 3, and I asked you
9	if there were changes, and you told me about the
10	changes after the leadership meeting that we'll get
11	into a little bit more a little bit more after
12	our next break.
13	Now, what I want to know is were there any
14	other changes to the agreement other than the ones
15	you just told me about prior to obviously there
16	was a March 2020 new agreement signed. So I want to
17	make sure I understand the universe of changes up to
18	and including the one in March of 2020.
19	A The changes that I remember are the
20	changes that New American Funding said that they're
21	no longer going to pay any marketing dollars and
22	that we would have to absorb PEs. That's what if
23	there are more, I don't remember.
24	Q Okay.
25	MR. HARGROVE: I think now might be a good

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     time to take a lunch break.
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               MR. PERLOWSKI:
                                That sounds good.
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               (Recess 12:21-1:07 p.m.)
     BY MR. HARGROVE:
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               Ms. Allison, we're back on the record, and
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     you actually still have in front of you Exhibit
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     Number -- which number is that one?
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               2.
                   Okay.
               If you'll flip to page 352 on the bottom
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     right of Exhibit 2. I wanted to ask you a couple
12
     more questions about this document before we move
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     on.
               So back in 2019, November 16, when you
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     sent this e-mail, the last full -- well, the last at
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     least partial sentence reads: I know it feels like
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     everything is about money, and, yes, the money is
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     one component, but the bigger questions we have been
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     asking that seems to frustrate everyone is how does
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     the P&L working going forward.
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               Did I read that correctly?
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               I think you read it word for word.
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               Okay. Earlier in your deposition you
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     testified you were focused on job happiness and not
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     money.
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Was that the case when you sent this e-mail back November 16 of 2019, still?

A I think that we wanted -- I wanted to understand the details of the new P&L platform that we were going to.

Q And the reason you wanted to understand the details was because that's what your compensation was based on, correct?

A Well, it is what our compensation is based on, but it's also kind of -- a P&L is kind of like your report card, right.

O Uh-huh.

A So it tells you how you're performing as it relates to not only profitability but how you're managing expenses, how you're managing your PE behavior, how you're managing your production, how you're managing your refis versus purchase, how you're managing to, you know, your -- the complexity of balancing your business, whether that be, you know, conforming to government or, again, refi to purchase, your LO behavior, your expense behavior. It covers a lot of the data details in which we place metrics on a lot of our leadership. So it goes deep -- a P&L goes much deeper than just profitability.

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1	Q And if those metrics are good, you're
2	going to make more money, right?
3	A If those metrics are good, everybody makes
4	more money.
5	Q Okay.
6	A So this P&L model is not just around
7	this P&L model was not just around Gina and I's
8	compensation, but it was around our entire
9	leadership team's compensation as well. So we have
10	a fiduciary responsibility to look out for everyone
11	in the Southeast, not just ourselves.
12	Q The loans that you were not paid override
13	bonuses that we looked at earlier on Exhibit
14	Exhibit 3
15	A Uh-huh.
16	Q the category that you testified
17	overrides were not paid on, did those overrides not
18	being paid have anything to do with anyone's
19	compensation other than you and Ms. Spearman?
20	A I don't no, it doesn't. Once we dug in
21	to find out that, you know, our branch managers were
22	not getting paid on those loans as well, it really
23	wouldn't make sense for Gina and I to get paid on
24	them.
25	Q So the branch managers so if you were

Page 121 getting -- my question to you is if you had been 1 2 getting overrides on those loans from Section 1.4B, would that have affected anyone's compensation other 3 than your own? 4 5 MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form. Well, absolutely it would have. 6 Then the 7 branch managers would have benefited from that as well, right, so then they would have been paid on 8 those loans as well. 10 BY MR. HARGROVE: 11 Okay. So that fiduciary duty you 12 mentioned, did you fulfill that by digging into this 13 agreement and checking in to being paid on these loans? 14 15 MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form. 16 Say that --Α 17 BY MR. HARGROVE: 18 Sure. Q 19 Try answering that -- try asking that a Α different way. 20 21 You testified earlier that with regard to 22 the P&L, since that affected everyone on your team's 23 compensation, you had a fiduciary duty to them to 24 make sure you had a good understanding of it, 25 correct?

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1	A Absolutely.
2	Q All right. And these loans on 1.4B that
3	you were not paid on, you just testified had you
4	been paid on those, that would have benefited
5	everyone on the team's compensation, correct?
6	A Not everyone on the team, only the branch
7	managers.
8	Q Okay. So it would have benefited the
9	branch managers had those loans been paid on,
L 0	correct?
l 1	A If their agreements stated that they
L 2	should have been paid on them.
L 3	Q Okay. And
L 4	A But I think it's kind of a moot point.
L 5	Q And why is it a moot point?
L 6	A Because the they corrected our
L 7	agreement, so, I mean, it's a moot point. It's not
L 8	even it's not even in relation to our agreements.
L 9	Q You say "they corrected our agreements."
20	Who is "they"?
21	A Corporate.
22	Q And "our agreements," whose agreements are
23	you referring to?
24	A Well, I shouldn't remember to Gina's
25	agreement. I don't know. On my agreement, it was

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1	corrected that I would not get paid on these loans.
2	Q Okay. When was it corrected?
3	A I don't know. Sometime early '17.
4	Sometime first/second quarter of '17.
5	Q How was it corrected?
6	A I think it's by Schedule 1.
7	Q Didn't I ask you before the break about
8	any changes to your agreement, and all you told me
9	about was the 2019 changes after the leadership
10	meeting?
11	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form,
12	mischaracterizes testimony.
13	You can answer.
14	A Yes, I we didn't ever get paid on those
15	loans.
16	BY MR. HARGROVE:
17	Q Let me go back to my question. Before the
18	break I asked you about the universe of changes to
19	your agreement.
20	Do you recall that?
21	A Yes.
22	Q Okay. And do you recall telling me about
23	changes in 2019 related to marketing and pricing
24	exceptions?
25	A Yes. This was prior to '19.

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1	Q But when I asked you earlier, I asked you
2	to tell me about every change in your agreement, and
3	you told me about none between the agreement and
4	2019 then, correct?
5	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
6	A I don't remember all the changes that we
7	had to our agreements. We got Schedule 1s all the
8	time. Every time we hired a individual to the team,
9	we got a new Schedule 1. It changed on every
10	Schedule 1 that we received.
11	BY MR. HARGROVE:
12	Q You didn't tell me about any of that
13	before the lunch break, did you?
14	A No, I didn't.
15	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to form. Testimony
16	will speak for itself.
17	BY MR. HARGROVE:
18	Q And the testimony that speaks for itself
19	was I asked you for the universe of changes, and you
20	didn't tell me anything about any Schedule 1s, you
21	only told me about
22	A I told you about
23	MR. PERLOWSKI: Hold on one second.
24	That's patently misleading. That wasn't
25	the question you asked, and she specifically said

Page 125 she didn't recall all the changes before the lunch 1 2 We can go back and read the transcript, but 3 we're not going to do this misleading what she said stuff. 4 5 BY MR. HARGROVE: Now that you've had the opportunity to 6 7 have a lunch break and consult with your counsel, now you remember Schedule -- Schedule 1s from 2017, 8 9 correct? 10 Α Well, I didn't spend much time with my 11 counsel because I do have a job outside of this 12 deposition, so I spent time working and returning 13 phone calls, but it's just a known fact that we all had a lot of Schedule 1s. 14 15 Every -- I still get Schedule 1 -- or, you 16 know, Schedule 1s when we hire a new employee. 17 could not keep up -- I could not tell you every 18 possible change over the last five and a half years. 19 Q When new employees are hired, is it a 20 Schedule 1 or Schedule 4? 21 Back then I don't know. 22 Q Okay. I think it was -- from my recollection, it 23 24 was a Schedule 1. Did you provide Lex Watson with all of 25 Q

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     those Schedule 1s that you now contend changed your
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     agreement?
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               MR. PERLOWSKI:
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               No, I didn't.
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               MR. PERLOWSKI: -- one second.
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               She's not going -- we're not going to talk
     about privileged communications here. We keep on
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     going down this road. We're not doing it.
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     keep on going down the road of invading privileged
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     communications, we're going to stop this.
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     BY MR. HARGROVE:
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               Ms. Spearman was involved in the
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     communications and copied on all of them with
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     Mr. Watson, correct?
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               MR. PERLOWSKI: Ms. Spearman can't waive a
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     privilege for Ms. Allison.
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               MR. HARGROVE:
                               She absolutely can.
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     waived it.
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               MR. PERLOWSKI:
                                No, she can't.
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               MR. HARGROVE:
                               It's waived for everybody.
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               MR. PERLOWSKI: No, she can't. No, she
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     cannot.
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               MR. HARGROVE:
                               She can absolutely waive --
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               MR. PERLOWSKI:
                                No, she cannot. I suggest
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Page 127 you look that up because we did last night. 1 Ms. Spearman's not afraid to waive 2 3 (inaudible). MR. PERLOWSKI: And we're not doing it. 4 5 MS. GIBSON: I'm sorry, was that --BY MR. HARGROVE: 6 7 I'm sorry, what were you saying? Can you 0 repeat what you said on the record? 8 9 Α I said it -- it appears that Ms. Spearman 10 has no issues waiving any confidentiality. 11 And tell me what confidentiality you're 12 referring to. 13 Α I shouldn't have made the comment. 14 Now you've made the comment, so tell me 0 15 what confidentiality you were referring to. 16 Well, I think Ms. Spearman is so fixated 17 on winning this case that just a mere phone call has 18 to get reported to her attorneys. 19 So that phone call was supposed to be Q 20 confidential? The fact you called her was supposed 21 to be confidential? 22 Α Within the realm of a friendship, you 23 actually would think that there's some respect to 24 the friendship. But clearly throughout this 25 process, there's been zero.

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1	Q Have you talked is your employer aware
2	that you're making calls to my client that you deem
3	to be confidential communications?
4	A I'm not saying confidential about this
5	situation.
6	MR. PERLOWSKI: Again, I'm going to
7	instruct you
8	THE WITNESS: Okay.
9	MR. PERLOWSKI: not to reveal any
10	privileged communications you may have had with NAF
11	because we keep on going down that road.
12	BY MR. HARGROVE:
13	Q Sarah Laprade, she wasn't represented by
14	Mr. Watson, correct?
15	A No.
16	Q Let me hand you Exhibit 4.
17	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 4 was marked for
18	identification.)
19	BY MR. HARGROVE:
20	Q And I'll ask you if you recognize
21	Exhibit 4.
22	MR. PERLOWSKI: Has this been produced?
23	MR. HARGROVE: It has.
24	MS. GIBSON: It has been produced.
25	MR. PERLOWSKI: When?

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               MR. HARGROVE:
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     Bates numbered version of it.
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               MR. PERLOWSKI:
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               MS. GIBSON: -- on the 11th.
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               MR. PERLOWSKI: -- late surprises?
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               MS. GIBSON:
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               MR. HARGROVE:
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     break and I'll get you a Bates-labeled copy of it.
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               MR. PERLOWSKI: I want to understand if
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     it's been produced or not.
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               MS. GIBSON:
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               MR. HARGROVE:
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               MS. GIBSON: -- been produced.
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               MR. PERLOWSKI:
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               MS. GIBSON: You've gotten two
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     productions.
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               MR. PERLOWSKI: Do you think I'm going to
     literally remember every document that's been
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     produced of the thousands of pages of documents?
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               MR. PERLOWSKI: -- and you produced
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     documents as recently as, what, yesterday.
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               MS. GIBSON:
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Page 130 of a production that was made last week, so yes. 1 2 MR. PERLOWSKI: Conveniently after 3 Ms. Spearman's deposition. Take your time to look at it, Kelly. 4 5 For the purpose of the record, Exhibit 4 6 is an e-mail from Lex Watson to MaryBeth Gibson on 7 November 11th, 2021, at 11:41 a.m., forwarding communication with Ms. Laprade to Ms. Watson [sic] 8 9 of the same date. 10 MS. GIBSON: I'll find you the Bates. 11 I'm also going to flag for MR. PERLOWSKI: 12 purposes of the record that we're going to be 13 seriously looking at whether lead counsel is a witness in this matter based on the way this 14 15 testimony and the theories that are being pursued, 16 so I'm just going to put you on notice of that. 17 MR. HARGROVE: Okay. 18 BY MR. HARGROVE: Let me know once you've had a chance to 19 Q 20 look at that. 21 Henry, just for the record, MR. HARGROVE: 22 my apologies for not having the Bates-stamp version. 23 MR. PERLOWSKI: It's fine. 24 MR. HARGROVE: It's Spearman 1464 and thereafter. 25

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1	MR. PERLOWSKI: Okay.
2	A I've reviewed it.
3	BY MR. HARGROVE:
4	Q You've reviewed Exhibit 4? Okay.
5	And Sarah Laprade is at least I
6	don't know if she is now, but as of September 16,
7	2019, was your executive assistant, correct?
8	A Correct.
9	Q And you directed her to send the
10	attachment that is attached to Exhibit 4, correct?
11	A Yes.
12	Q All right. And what is attached to this
13	e-mail is the exact same document that has already
14	been introduced in this deposition as Exhibit 3,
15	correct?
16	A Yes.
17	Q I want to make sure I got the number
18	right.
19	A Yes, you're right.
20	Q All right. And there are no additional
21	documents other than what's in Exhibit 3, correct,
22	attached to this e-mail?
23	A No.
24	Q There are no other schedules attached to
25	this e-mail, correct?

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1	A I don't know that this is everything that
2	she sent.
3	Q Okay.
4	A I have no way of knowing that.
5	Q All right. Well, if Ms do you have
6	any reason to believe Mr. Watson would send an
7	e-mail to send this e-mail without everything
8	that was attached to it?
9	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form, calls
L 0	for speculation.
l 1	A Maybe Sarah didn't understand that she was
L 2	supposed to send all the schedules or maybe Sarah
L 3	doesn't even have all the schedules. They didn't go
L 4	to Sarah; they went to us.
L 5	Q So
L 6	A And, I mean, she says: Attached is
L 7	Kelly's original agreement with NAF.
L 8	Q And the purpose of retaining Mr. Watson
L 9	was to have him compare the original agreement with
20	the proposed 2020 agreement, correct?
21	A Correct.
22	MR. PERLOWSKI: Again, you can answer
23	without revealing privileged communications. That's
24	a standing instruction, but I'm going to keep on
25	reminding you because we keep on going down this

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1	road.
2	A It appears that Jan actually forwarded
3	something to our attorney as well.
4	BY MR. HARGROVE:
5	Q Are you aware of any communication where
6	you sent Mr. Watson any additional documents for his
7	consideration?
8	A I didn't send Mr. Watson any
9	communication. I relied on Sarah to do that.
L 0	Q At your direction, correct?
l 1	A Right. Sarah if I asked Sarah to send
L 2	him my original agreement as stated, then Sarah did
L 3	exactly what I asked her to do, which is to send my
L 4	original agreement.
L 5	Q So you didn't think it was important for
L 6	an attorney evaluating the agreement you had in
L 7	place versus what was being proposed to see these
L 8	additional schedules which you contend changed your
L 9	agreement?
20	A Did Gina send schedules to Lex?
21	MR. HARGROVE: Can you read back my
22	question?
23	(The record was read by the reporter as
24	follows:
25	"Q So you didn't think it was important

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1	for an attorney evaluating the agreement you had in
2	place versus what was being proposed to see these
3	additional schedules which you contend changed your
4	agreement?")
5	A The purpose of us having Lex was my
6	purpose was to ensure that all my provisions that I
7	had worked with Lee Parks on my original agreement
8	stayed with the new agreement. That was my
9	motivation.
10	BY MR. HARGROVE:
11	Q So that would then include
12	A Schedule
13	Q Schedule 1, Section 1.4B, correct?
14	A I don't recall that any of the Schedule 1s
15	covered any of my provisions.
16	Q Well, you just testified that you wanted
17	Lex to make sure everything that was in your
18	original agreement carried over.
19	Was that the word you used? I don't want
20	to put words
21	A Yes. And this is my original agreement.
22	Q Okay. All right.
23	A The provisions that I wanted him to
24	protect me on are in my original agreement, not my
25	Schedule 1.

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1	Q So you don't consider the Schedule 1 to be
2	part of the agreement?
3	A The Schedule 1s as we hired loan officers,
4	no, is not a part of my original agreement. I get a
5	Schedule 1 every time I hire a loan officer. The
6	Schedule 1s when I hire a loan officer has nothing
7	to do with the provisions that were in my original
8	contract.
9	Q How about Schedule 4s, did you get any
10	Schedule 4s?
11	A I don't I'd have to look to see what a
12	Schedule 4 is. What is a Schedule 4? There's no
13	Schedule 4 in here.
14	Q When a new loan officer is hired, are you
15	sure it's a Schedule 1, not a Schedule 4?
16	A Maybe it is a Schedule 4.
17	Q Okay.
18	A So if you know the answer, then you can
19	tell me what a Schedule 4 is.
20	Q Well, this I get today I got to find
21	out what you know. What I
22	A I don't know what a Schedule 4 is.
23	Q So if you received Schedule 4s but not
24	Schedule 1s, do you contend those changed your
25	compensation?

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1	A I don't know because I don't know what a
2	Schedule 4 looks like.
3	Q No Schedule 4s were included in what Sarah
4	sent to Lex, correct?
5	A I don't know what a Schedule 4 is.
6	MR. HARGROVE: And I have the Bates number
7	wrong. It's actually 1381 for this exhibit. So my
8	apologies.
9	MR. PERLOWSKI: For Exhibit 4?
10	MR. HARGROVE: Yeah.
11	MR. PERLOWSKI: 1381? Okay.
12	MR. HARGROVE: 1381.
13	BY MR. HARGROVE:
14	Q Let's change gears a little bit. I want
15	to go back to the February 2019 leadership meeting
16	and the discussion of the misallocation of funds.
17	Who all was involved in that discussion
18	you told me about earlier today?
19	A I think we went through this; Christy
20	Bunce, Jon Reed, Jan
21	Q All right.
22	A myself, Gina.
23	Q Okay.
24	A And I don't really remember who else was
25	there.

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1	Q That was an in-person meeting
2	A Maybe Jim Muth. I don't know. I have no
3	idea.
4	Q At that point that that discussion was
5	being had after this leadership meeting, was it your
6	understanding that the Southeast region was
7	profitable or unprofitable?
8	A They told us that we were profitable.
9	Q Okay. And when were you told you were
10	profitable?
11	A On several occasions.
12	Q Who told you you were profitable?
13	A Jan, Jon, Christy.
14	Q Anybody else?
15	A I don't remember.
16	Q What about the Arvielos, you ever have any
17	discussion about profitability for the Southeast
18	region with either of them?
19	A I don't remember.
20	Q At some point, were you told later that
21	the Southeast region was, in fact, not profitable?
22	A I feel like our C I don't know that we
23	weren't profitable. I don't think our CM was where
24	they wanted it. I don't remember.
25	Q Can you tell me was CM is?

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1	A Company margin.
2	(Off-the-record discussion.)
3	BY MR. HARGROVE:
4	Q So the point who was involved in the
5	discussion about the company margin not being where
6	NAF wanted it to be?
7	A From my recollection, that would be Jan,
8	Jon, Christy.
9	Q Okay. And was this a discussion that took
L 0	place at that same leadership meeting or was that
l 1	something that occurred before or after?
L 2	A I don't remember.
L 3	Q Do you remember the first time you were
L 4	told that the company margin was not what was
L 5	expected?
L 6	A Exactly? No, I don't remember. I don't
L 7	remember what meeting that was in.
L 8	Q Was that discussion about the company
L 9	margin not being what was expected in any way
20	related to the \$30 million misallocation?
21	A They never related the two. The two were
22	two separate conversations.
23	Q Did you ever get any understanding from
24	management of the details of the misallocation
25	beyond that it was something classified CM1 as

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1	opposed to CM2 I believe is what you told me
2	earlier?
3	A No.
4	Q Did you ask anyone?
5	A I think we asked in the meeting, but I
6	don't really remember today I don't even remember
7	their response.
8	Q Let me hand you a document that I'm
9	marking as Exhibit 5.
10	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 5 was marked for
11	identification.)
12	BY MR. HARGROVE:
13	Q This one does have the Bates label on it.
14	I'll ask you to take a look. It's a three-page
15	document. Just let me know once you know whether
16	it's something you are familiar with or not.
17	A Okay.
18	Q And do you recognize these e-mails?
19	A I do.
20	Q There's initially an e-mail about a
21	conference call dated Monday, March 18, 2019,
22	correct, on the third page?
23	A Yes.
24	Q And it says, "Can you guys get on my
25	conference line," correct, from Christy Bunce?

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1	A Uh-huh.
2	Q Do you recall this conference call from
3	Monday, March 18th, of 2019?
4	A I do not.
5	Q This would have been after that February
6	leadership meeting, correct?
7	A I don't remember the date of the
8	February I mean, I'm not even sure that the
9	meeting that we had at corporate was in February.
10	Q Let's look at page 2
11	A Okay.
12	Q of this document, e-mail from you to
13	Christy Bunce, Jan Preslo, Jon Reed, Patty Arvielo,
14	Rick Arvielo, and Gina Spearman.
15	Do you see that?
16	A Uh-huh.
17	Q All right. And it reads: Good morning.
18	We jointed NAF two years ago. In February it was
19	revealed to us
20	A Yeah. Okay. Perfect.
21	Q So does that refresh your recollection as
22	to when the leadership meeting took place?
23	A Yes.
24	Q And that would be February, correct?
25	A February.

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Q So this e-mail then obviously took place in March of 2019 because that was after the meeting, correct?

A Uh-huh.

Q In reviewing -- in reviewing the e-mail, do you recall what the reason you felt the need to send this e-mail was?

A Yes, after -- while Gina and I were at corporate after the meeting in which they told us that they were cutting all marketing and making some changes, we met with Jon Reed at the corporate office because we thought that versus managing to individual loans as it related to PEs, that if we just did a weighted average PE across the board, it would just make it a lot simpler for everybody involved.

And then Jon Reed thought that was a good idea, and we -- my -- my opinion of our conversation with Jon at corporate was that he actually really liked that idea and that we were going to pursue that idea.

And so we had several conversations with

Jon -- I shouldn't say several. I remember one on

our way to Greenville or Charlotte, and it appeared

that we were going to go down a weighted average

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approach versus a per-loan approach to pricing. And then Jon informed us that we weren't going to do that.

I felt as though it was going to be extremely cumbersome to keep up with a per-loan pricing exception versus a weighted average, so that's what prompted this.

Q All right. Would you have to keep up with the per-loan or is that something corporate would keep up with?

A It was something that we were all going to have to keep up with. It was a very manual process. There wasn't a report that we could pull. It was an extremely manual process.

Q And why would it have mattered whether you kept up with the per-loan amount; what would that have affected, if anything?

A It's just a very manual process. It's very -- it's just -- it's a lot of work, and I felt it was unnecessary work when we could just do a weighted average. And it's a very easy metric, you meet once a month, and did you exceed this weighted average, if you exceeded the weighted average, then reduce that amount from our comp.

The per-loan when you're doing hundreds

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1	and hundreds and hundreds of loans a month seemed
2	like more work than necessary.
3	Q Would corporate have kept up with the
4	per-loan if it had gone the per-loan route?
5	A It did go the per-loan route.
6	Q Okay. So was that something corporate was
7	going to keep up with?
8	A We all kept up with it. Again, a very,
9	very manual labor intensive process.
10	Q What was the role of your office in
11	keeping up with it versus corporate's role in
12	keeping up with it?
13	A Sarah kept up with it in an effort to
14	ensure that we lined up with corporate on the PEs in
15	which we were absorbing to ensure that our reports
16	lined up.
17	Q So corporate was keeping up with it, and
18	Sarah was keeping up with it independently to verify
19	the accuracy of corporate's figures, correct?
20	A I think she was actually working with
21	corporate to ensure that when they sent over the
22	report, that we had either got all the loans and
23	that maybe corporate didn't miss anything, right,
24	because we wanted to ensure that we kept the

integrity of the agreement.

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Page 144 And if it was not kept up with, then 1 2 there's the potential your office would lose out on 3 compensation, correct? Well, I think -- if we didn't keep up with 4 Α 5 it? Let me go back. Y'all weren't just going 6 0 7 to take corporate's word for it; you were tracking your own to make sure the numbers lined up, correct? 8 9 Α Well, we tracked it because it's a very 10 large -- the way that we were paid is basically a 11 three-, four-page commission sheet that Sarah had to 12 go through on a monthly basis which was a very 13 manual process anyways. 14 The loans that we didn't get paid for were 15 on those, and Sarah would review those loans. 16 Sometimes corporate made a mistake and they were 17 overpaying us and she would say, hey, you're 18 overpaying us. Sometimes they made a mistake and 19 weren't paying us correctly on a loan. 20 Again, because it was such a manual 21 process, it opened itself to a lot of mistakes on 22 both sides. 23 In light of your earlier testimony that

the compensation, why did you have Sarah go through

the happiness of your job was more important than

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1	that exercise of verifying the accuracy of the
2	corporate records?
3	A Because somebody had to do it, and I don't
4	like doing it.
5	Q Why did somebody have to do it?
6	A Because it's commission statements. You
7	have to review the commission statements.
8	Q Because you want to make sure that you're
9	compensated correctly, right?
10	A Yes, or to make sure that we weren't
11	overpaid because sometimes that happened.
12	Q Let me refer you let's look at the
13	second page of this. I want to go to the second
14	full paragraph.
15	The first sentence says: We made
16	commitments to them I'll read regardless of
17	the delayed resolve, we are obligated to our team.
18	We made commitments to them two years ago based on
19	the collective agreement with NAF corporate.
20	Although NAF corporate is retracting on the
21	employment agreement with myself and Gina, we cannot
22	condone doing the same to our team/family that have
23	aligned themselves with our leadership for many
24	years.
25	Did I read that correctly?

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1	A Word for word.
2	Q Can you tell me how was corporate
3	retracting on the employment agreement with yourself
4	and Gina as of March 19, 2019?
5	A At the time, I felt that they were
6	retracting on their agreement to pay the marketing
7	dollars and then adding that we were going to cover
8	PEs over 1 percent for government and 7/8 for
9	conforming. My feeling was that they were
10	retracting their agreement. That's a feeling, not a
11	legal statement.
12	Q But that's what you felt at that point,
13	that they were retracting on the agreement?
14	A Clearly, that's what I wrote.
15	Q That's what you told the executives,
16	including the Arvielos, correct?
17	A Yes. They are a part of the executive
18	team, the Arvielos.
19	Q Tell me what you mean when you say
20	"they're a part of the executive team."
21	A They're the CEO and the president.
22	Q So just so I understand, what you contend
23	they were retracting was the marketing expenses and
24	the pricing exceptions from your agreement, correct?
25	A Yes.

Page 147 Was there a discussion about a 90-day 1 2 period for these marketing expenses and pricing exceptions after that leadership meeting? 3 Do you recall any discussion about these 4 5 were only going to be in effect for 90 days? I feel like there was something said. 6 7 said it, when it was said, I don't know. I do feel like it was, like, we'll revisit this. I don't know 8 who said it and when it was said. 10 How about any document, are you aware of 11 any document amending your agreement with regard to 12 the marketing costs and pricing exceptions? 13 Α No, I am not aware of any documentation. 14 Did it ever revert back to the agreement 0 15 that your e-mail says NAF retracted? 16 MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form. 17 You can answer. 18 I guess it did at some point. I don't Α 19 really remember when it did. And I wish I could 20 tell you, but it's been so many years. I don't --21 at some point, they said, okay, we're going to give 22 you guys -- all divisions get \$10,000 a month for 23 marketing. 24 BY MR. HARGROVE: 25 Q Okay.

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1	А	Which was very helpful.
2	Q	Was that while Ms. Spearman was still
3	employed?	
4	А	Yes.
5	Q	So tell me, what were the changes that
6	ultimately	were orally made by NAF to the marketing
7	from your	employment agreement?
8		MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
9	A	Well, NAF, in my agreement, had agreed to
10	pay 7 and	a half basis points per loan towards
11	marketing	dollars.
12	BY MR. HAR	RGROVE:
13	Q	Right.
14	А	And then they said they're not paying any
15	marketing	dollars.
16	Q	Now, when you said they said, that was
17	orally, co	orrect?
18	А	Well, I think
19		MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
20	А	I actually think they even put that in
21	writing.	I read somewhere that it included
22	Atlanta's	Best New Homes. I just read that
23	somewhere	
24	BY MR. HAR	RGROVE:
25	Q	Was that in an e-mail?

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                                Take your time if you need
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               MR. PERLOWSKI:
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     to.
               She's looking at other exhibits we marked
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     today.
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     BY MR. HARGROVE:
               Look at the paragraph above the one we
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 7
     were going over.
               MR. PERLOWSKI: Where are we, Travis?
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               MR. HARGROVE:
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               MR. PERLOWSKI:
                                Of Exhibit 5?
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               MR. HARGROVE:
                               Yes.
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               MR. PERLOWSKI:
                                Okay. Got it.
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               I read it somewhere too. Let's see.
                                                        Yes:
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     You and Gina will be obligated to cover all
15
     marketing costs including Atlanta's Best New Homes.
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     BY MR. HARGROVE:
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               Okay. That's on page 1 of the e-mail,
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     correct?
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          Α
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               The reason I'm asking, I can see it, but
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     if it's not on the record then --
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               I understand.
               -- then we won't know.
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               I understand.
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               All right. And 7 and a half basis points
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Page 150 that went away, how much in dollars was that on 1 2 average every month? I'd have to go back and look at what we 3 Α were funding, but it's a really easy number, what 4 5 your funding times 7 and a half basis points. Would it have been a number close to 6 7 \$10,000 or would it have been significantly higher? Oh, significantly higher. 8 Α 9 0 Like 100,000? 200,000? 10 Α I would --11 MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form. 12 You can answer. 13 Α I would be remiss to throw a number out 14 there on a monthly basis, but probably, like, 5- to 15 \$600,000 a year I'm guessing. 16 BY MR. HARGROVE: 17 The other change was pricing exceptions, 0 18 correct? 19 Α Uh-huh. 20 Can you walk me through what the changes 0 21 were to pricing exceptions? 22 Α When we came to New American Funding, they 23 gave us a 200 basis points threshold for PE 24 tolerances. When they made the change in February of 2019, we -- we had a hundred basis points on 25

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1	government. And anything that was approved over a
2	hundred basis points was taken out of our was
3	reduced from our comp on government. And anything
4	over 7/8 on conventional was reduced from our comp.
5	Q And was that a change that stayed in
6	effect permanently?
7	A Gosh, how long did that stay in effect. I
8	don't know the answer to that.
9	Q Did you and I want to go with regard
10	to the marketing, did you sign any document about
11	the marketing policy being changed?
12	A Unless it's a Schedule 1, I'm not aware of
13	it.
14	Q How about the pricing exceptions, did you
15	sign any document about that?
16	A I'm not aware that I did.
17	Q Did you receive any written notification
18	about the pricing exceptions changing?
19	A Yes, Wednesday, March 20th, 2019.
20	Q The e-mail that we've been looking at,
21	Exhibit 5?
22	A Uh-huh.
23	Q Did you did you have any concerns about
24	the marketing expense change or the pricing
25	exceptions change?

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Page 152 Yes, I did have concern that Gina and I 1 wouldn't make enough money to cover it all, then 3 what would happen then. Did you have any discussions with 0 Ms. Spearman about those concerns? I'm sure I did. Do you recall the details of any of those 0 discussions? Ms. Spearman and I had a lot of 10 conversations. I don't remember all the detail. 11 While all this was going on, did you 12 explore leaving NAF for any other potential 13 employer? While this was going on, we -- I did 14 15 entertain listening to what other companies were 16 doing as it related to P&L models. That is what we 17 were told in early '19, that we would be going to a P&L model. 18 19 Patty Arvielo, along with Christy Bunce, 20 asked us to gather P&Ls that -- different P&L 21 platforms and send them to corporate because at that 22 time, we had not -- we had not determined what type 23 of P&L model we were going to go on. 24 There's many P&L models within our

industry, so we -- we did gather and send.

Page 153 1 during that time, I was interested to see what --2 not only were we gathering information for 3 corporate, but I was also very interested to see how other companies were creating P&L models, how long 4 5 they had been on them, if they originated that P&L model and then found it -- that they needed to 6 7 change, was it net, was it split, how many P&L 8 models had they had. 9 A lot of times in this industry we start 10 down one path of a P&L model and we find out that it 11 doesn't work, and we change. 12 So what did you do to gather information 13 on other companies' P&L models? 14 Α I talked to them, had them -- had several 15 companies send me P&L models. 16 Okay. Which companies did you talk to? 0 17 I talked to HomeBridge, I talked to Α 18 Cardinal, I spoke with Guild, and there was one 19 other. I did send the Academy P&L model. 20 Okay. So --Q 21 I can't -- I think -- I don't know. Α 22 Maybe --23 So when you talk --Q 24 Maybe there were others; I don't know. Α When you talked with HomeBridge, was that 25 Q

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1	in person or by telephone?
2	A Oh, I'm sorry, HomeBridge. Yeah.
3	Q HomeBridge.
4	A Rick Floyd, no, I talked to him in person.
5	We've been I've known Rick forever.
6	Q Where is Rick Floyd located at HomeBridge?
7	A He's not at HomeBridge any well, yeah,
8	it is HomeBridge.
9	Q When he was with HomeBridge, where was he
10	physically located?
11	A In Atlanta.
12	Q In Atlanta? Okay.
13	So did you drive to his office for that
14	meeting?
15	A No, we met at a restaurant.
16	Q Okay. And did you tell what did you
17	tell him the purpose of the meeting with you said
18	Rick Floyd?
19	Did I get his name right?
20	A You did.
21	Q What did you tell Mr. Floyd the purpose of
22	the meeting was?
23	A Exploring P&L models.
24	Q Okay. And was Mr. Floyd happy to share
25	HomeBridge's P&L models with you?

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1	A	Yeah. He was very happy to do so.
2	Q	Okay.
3	A	Oh, Angel Oak was the other company.
4	Q	Angel Oak?
5	A	Angel Oak.
6	Q	Angel Oak.
7		So Mr. Floyd, how did he give you did
8	he give y	ou documents of these P&L models?
9	A	Uh-huh.
10	Q	And what did you do with those documents?
11	A	I don't remember.
12	Q	Did you e-mail them to anyone at NAF?
13	A	I may have shared them with Patty or Tony
14	Blodgett.	
15	Q	All right. If
16	A	We were all sharing a lot at that time.
17	Q	So you shared a lot of e-mails that had
18	P&L model	s from other companies with executives at
19	NAF?	
20	A	I know we shared at least one or two.
21	Q	Okay. Which one or two did you share with
22	them?	
23	A	I don't know.
24	Q	How did you share those? Was it by
25	e-mail, w	as it

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1	A By e-mail.
2	Q Okay. When would those e-mails have been
3	sent?
4	A I don't know.
5	Q Were these PDFs of these models from these
6	other companies?
7	A I mean, I don't know.
8	Q How did you get the documents and we're
9	starting off with Rick Floyd.
10	How did he get the documents to you about
11	the P&L models?
12	A He probably e-mailed them to me.
13	Q Okay. At your NAF e-mail address?
14	A No, probably at my Builder Queen address.
15	Q Is there a reason you would have been
16	using your Builder Queen e-mail address to receive
17	that information as opposed to your NAF e-mail
18	address?
19	A Yes.
20	Q What was that?
21	A Well, Tony Blodgett almost got fired for
22	going out and getting P&L models, and I didn't want
23	to get fired.
24	Q Well, you had been instructed to go and
25	get P&L models, though, by your superiors at NAF,

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1	correct?
2	A Yes, but it didn't turn out that way once
3	we started turning them in.
4	Q Didn't turn out
5	A They thought that we were out looking to
6	leave the company, so I didn't feel comfortable
7	after what happened to Tony.
8	Q So which person from NAF told you to go
9	gather P&L models?
10	A Patty and Christy.
11	Q So Patty and Christy told you go get P&L
12	models that you later e-mailed to them you said,
13	correct?
14	A Uh-huh.
15	Q All right. So why were you uncomfortable
16	with your NAF e-mail address being used to receive
17	the documents that you had been asked to obtain?
18	A Because Tony Blodgett got fired for
19	talking to other companies about P&L models, as I
20	stated before.
21	Q Had he been instructed to obtain P&L
22	models from other companies like you had?
23	A Yes, we all were instructed to gather P&L
24	models. If we had P&L models or we knew people that
25	had P&L models, that they wanted to review them and

Page 158 1 figure out what was the best approach for New 2 American Funding. 3 So did the executives then not stand up and say, hang on, I asked this gentleman to go get 4 5 these P&L models, don't fire him? We weren't involved in his firing. 6 7 Okay. Well, how did you come to have an 0 understanding that he was fired for obtaining P&L 8 models from other companies that he had been 10 instructed to obtain? Because he called me and said that he was 11 12 fired and talked his way back into a job. 13 0 Okay. He said he was fired and then 14 talked his way back into a job before you obtained P&L models from --15 16 No, at the same time. 17 Okay. So how did he tell you he had 0 18 talked his way back into a job? 19 I don't remember. He just told me he Α 20 talked his way back into his job. 21 So despite the fact that he was able to 22 talk his way back into a job, you were still 23 concerned you would be fired if you had these P&L 24 models you had been asked to obtain sent to your NAF 25 e-mail address?

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1	A Yes, I didn't
2	Q So would Rick Floyd if we were to speak
3	with Rick Floyd, he would not say you were
4	interviewing for a job, correct?
5	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form, calls
6	for speculation.
7	BY MR. HARGROVE:
8	Q You didn't tell Rick Floyd you were
9	interviewing for a job, correct?
L 0	A No, I didn't tell Rick Floyd I was
l 1	interviewing for a job.
L 2	Q You didn't tell him
L 3	A I didn't know that Rick Floyd had a job
L 4	that I should be interviewing for.
L 5	Q You didn't tell Rick Floyd you had any
L 6	interest in making a move from NAF, correct?
L 7	A I talked to Rick Floyd about his P&L model
L 8	and what they were doing with their approach. Rick
L 9	Floyd already had my position filled by a gentleman
20	by the name of Todd Greak. He didn't have my
21	position available.
22	MR. HARGROVE: Can you read my question
23	back?
24	(The record was read by the reporter as
25	follows:

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1	"Q You didn't tell Rick Floyd you had
2	any interest in making a move from NAF, correct?")
3	BY MR. HARGROVE:
4	Q So I appreciate the answer, but could you
5	answer my question?
6	A I don't remember telling Rick Floyd that I
7	wanted to leave NAF and come to HomeBridge.
8	Q Did you tell Rick Floyd you were looking
9	to leave NAF?
10	A I don't remember if I told Rick Floyd I
11	was looking to leave NAF. I did tell Rick Floyd I
12	was looking to go to a P&L model.
13	Q So if we were to depose Rick Floyd, he
14	wouldn't tell us that you approached him under the
15	auspices of trying to make a move from NAF, correct?
16	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form, calls
17	for speculation.
18	A I don't know what Rick Floyd would tell
19	you.
20	BY MR. HARGROVE:
21	Q Let's talk about Cardinal. What were your
22	discussions with Cardinal?
23	A My discussion with Cardinal was what their
24	P&L model looked like.
25	Q And who did you speak with at Cardinal?

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1	A We spoke with I don't remember if his
2	name was Jared or Jason.
3	Q All right.
4	A Or if it even started with a J.
5	Q When you met with Jared or Jason or
6	whatever the person's name was, you said "we."
7	So was Ms. Spearman at that meeting too?
8	A She's already said that she was at that
9	meeting.
10	Q How did you know she was already how
11	did you know she's already said she was at that
12	meeting?
13	A Because I was told she said she was at
14	that meeting.
15	Q And I don't want to go into
16	attorney-client privileged information, but where
17	did you learn that?
18	A During my pre-deposition.
19	MR. PERLOWSKI: I'm going to instruct you
20	again not to reveal privileged communications during
21	the deposition today.
22	BY MR. HARGROVE:
23	Q So where was the meeting with Cardinal,
24	where did it take place?
25	A In Greenville or Charlotte.

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1	Q Okay. And you live in Marietta, correct?
2	A Uh-huh.
3	Q Did you drive or fly to Greenville or
4	Charlotte?
5	A I think we drove.
6	Q That's about a two-and-a-half-hour ride,
7	roughly?
8	A I think it's further than that.
9	Q Okay. So the purpose of you driving to
10	Greenville or Charlotte to meet with Cardinal was to
11	obtain P&L information as per the instructions of
12	the NAF executives?
13	A To explore other P&L models.
14	Q You weren't trying to see whether Cardinal
15	had any opportunity for you to move over there,
16	correct?
17	A I did not want to go to Cardinal.
18	Q When you met with Cardinal, did you tell
19	whatever the individual's name was that you were
20	looking to make a move from NAF?
21	A I don't remember what I told them.
22	Q Did NAF provide you with any or did
23	Cardinal provide you with any P&L documents?
24	A They did.
25	Q How did they provide those to you?

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1	A I think they sent them to my Builder
2	Queen.
3	Q And did you tell Cardinal that you wanted
4	these because NAF was looking for P&L information to
5	base your compensation on?
6	A No, I wasn't that blunt in taking up
7	president, vice president's time to tell them that I
8	was doing reconnaissance work for my current
9	company, so I wasn't that honest with them.
10	Q Okay. So essentially what you were
11	instructed to do was to do reconnaissance on NAF's
12	competitors and what their pay models were?
13	A No, we weren't instructed to do that. If
14	we had them, to provide them. I made a decision to
15	engage with other companies to see what their P&L
16	models looked like. That was my decision alone.
17	Nobody at New American Funding instructed me to go
18	and do that. If you have them, if you can get them,
19	send them to us.
20	Q Did
21	A I made a decision to go out and seek
22	understanding of what other companies' P&L models
23	look like.
24	Q Did you tell anyone other than
25	Ms. Spearman at NAF that you were going to meet with

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     HomeBridge --
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               Who?
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                -- Mr. Floyd?
               Did you tell anyone other than
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     Ms. Spearman at NAF you were going to meet with
     Mr. Floyd?
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          Α
                I don't think so.
               How about the meeting with Cardinal in
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     either Greenville or Charlotte, did anyone at NAF
10
     other than Ms. Spearman know you were having that
11
     meeting?
12
          Α
               I don't think so.
13
          Q
               And, again, you communicated with Cardinal
14
     through your Builder Queen e-mail address, correct?
15
          Α
               Uh-huh.
               What is the Builder Queen e-mail address?
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          0
17
     Can you give me that address?
18
               THE WITNESS: Do I have to give him my
     personal e-mail address?
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               MR. PERLOWSKI:
                                He's -- unfortunately,
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     he's entitled to that. And by the way, it's on
22
     Exhibit 3.
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                               It's on Exhibit 3?
               MR. HARGROVE:
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                                It is.
               MR. PERLOWSKI:
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               MR. HARGROVE:
                               Okay.
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1	MR. PERLOWSKI: I remember seeing it
2	today, so it's on Exhibit 3.
3	BY MR. HARGROVE:
4	Q Go ahead and give it to me just so I've
5	got it on the record.
6	A builderqueen1@gmail.com.
7	Q And do you still maintain that Builder
8	Queen e-mail address?
9	A I do.
10	Q Is that is it just a regular Gmail
11	address or is it on some sort of server?
12	A It's just a regular Gmail.
13	Q Okay. And all these communications you
14	had with HomeBridge, Cardinal, Guild, Academy, or
15	Angel Oak, were those all to the Builder Queen
16	e-mail address?
17	A I think so.
18	Q Tell me about Guild. What did you do
19	reconnaissance work on Guild's P&L models?
20	A I just had a conversation.
21	Q Who did you have the conversation with at
22	Guild?
23	A I don't really even remember.
24	Q Where is Guild located?
25	A I don't know.

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1	Q How did you know so did you have a
2	phone conversation with Guild?
3	A Uh-huh.
4	Q How did you know what number to call?
5	A I didn't call that number; they called me.
6	Q Okay. So was there only one call where
7	they called you and that was the extent of your
8	communications with Guild?
9	A We all get a lot of recruiting calls, a
10	lot of recruiters call, and I like to ask a lot of
11	questions and find out how they do things.
12	Q Did you have any communications with Guild
13	after the recruiter called you?
14	A No.
15	Q So Guild, the universe is one phone call
16	from a recruiter and that was it?
17	A No, I just said the recruiter called a
18	couple times.
19	Q Okay. Was there any exchange of
20	information by e-mail with the representative from
21	Guild?
22	A I don't remember.
23	Q If there was, would it have been to the
24	builderqueen1@gmail.com e-mail address?
25	A Yes.

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1	I mean, I can talk I'm an independent
2	agent. I can talk to anyone that I so choose.
3	Q I'm not saying you can't. What I'm just
4	doing is finding out about these finding out
5	about these as part of the case.
6	Let's talk about Academy. What were your
7	discussions with Academy?
8	A I just forwarded Patty my old P&L from
9	Academy.
10	Q Okay. So there weren't any discussions
11	with Academy; it was just forwarding a P&L from when
12	you worked at Academy, correct?
13	A That's what I said.
14	Q All right. You didn't approach anyone at
15	Academy or ask for any further information, correct?
16	Correct?
17	A No, I did not.
18	Q Okay. Haven't had any discussions with
19	anyone at Academy about well, let me strike that.
20	Since you have been at NAF, have you had
21	any discussions with anyone at Academy?
22	A Since I've been at NAF?
23	Q Uh-huh.
24	A Yes, catching up with people that I know
25	there.

Page 168 And when was the last time you had a 1 2 conversation with -- catching up with someone that 3 you know at Academy? I don't know. 4 Α 5 Did you have any conversations catching up with anyone you know from Academy around the early 6 7 2019 time when you were doing this reconnaissance work on P&Ls for other companies? 8 9 Α I don't know. 10 Did you have any written communications 0 11 with anyone at Academy during the time you were 12 doing this reconnaissance work on P&Ls for other 13 companies? I don't remember. 14 Α 15 0 If you did have any such communications, 16 would they have been to the builderqueen1@gmail.com 17 e-mail address? I don't remember. 18 Α 19 So it could have been at your NAF e-mail Q 2.0 address? 21 I don't remember. Α 22 Q Do you have any e-mail addresses other 23 than your NAF e-mail address and your 24 builderqueen1@gmail.com e-mail address? 25 I don't. Α

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1	Q Have you ever had, since you've been at
2	NAF, any e-mail addresses other than your NAF e-mail
3	address and your builderqueen1@gmail.com e-mail
4	address?
5	A I don't remember.
6	Q You don't remember if you've had any other
7	e-mail addresses?
8	A I don't remember.
9	Q All right. Tell me every other e-mail
L 0	address you remember that you might have had.
L 1	A I don't remember.
L 2	MR. PERLOWSKI: Since she started at NAF
L 3	or ever? That question was unlimited in time.
L 4	MR. HARGROVE: Yeah, well, she said she
L 5	doesn't remember whether she's had any other than
L 6	those two since she's been at NAF.
L 7	MR. PERLOWSKI: I was just asking if the
L 8	other question was unlimited in time.
L 9	MR. HARGROVE: Yeah, the other question's
20	unlimited because she said she didn't know.
21	BY MR. HARGROVE:
22	Q So my question is what other e-mail
23	addresses have you had in the past since you don't
24	remember time-wise NAF
25	A Every company that I've been at, I've had

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1	an e-mail address.
2	Q How about e-mail addresses not that are
3	not company e-mail addresses?
4	A Not that I remember.
5	Q Okay. Do you work on a laptop computer or
6	do you work on a desktop at the office?
7	A Both.
8	Q Both. All right.
9	How long have you had the laptop computer
10	that you have at present?
11	A Since early '19. Or maybe no, August
12	of '19.
13	Q August of '19.
14	How about the desktop that you have, how
15	long have you had that?
16	A I don't know.
17	Q The laptop you had prior to August of '19,
18	do you still have that laptop?
19	A No.
20	Q What happened to that laptop?
21	A It went back to corporate.
22	Q Did you use your laptop or desktop
23	strike that.
24	You have the two computers you have are
25	a laptop issued by corporate and a desktop that I

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1	assume is also issued by corporate at your office,
2	correct?
3	A Uh-huh.
4	Q Do you have any personal computers? Any
5	computers other than those two?
6	A I don't.
7	Q How about iPads or tablets, do you have
8	any of those?
9	A I do.
10	Q All right. Do you use those to review
11	e-mails for the builderqueen1@gmail.com e-mail
12	address?
13	A I do not.
14	Q So do you use the laptop that you have
15	issued from corporate to view the
16	builderqueen1@gmail.com address?
17	A I don't. I use my husband's computer.
18	Q Okay. And your husband's computer is
19	is that located at your house?
20	A (Nods head affirmatively.)
21	Q And is that laptop is that a laptop or
22	a desktop?
23	A It's a laptop.
24	Q What kind of laptop is it?
25	A It's a Dell.

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1	Q Okay. How long has he had that laptop?
2	A I don't know.
3	Q Is that the only computer that you use to
4	view your builderqueen1@gmail.com e-mails?
5	A Uh-huh. Sometimes I might go in from
6	mine. I don't really know. I mean, I don't really
7	look at it that often.
8	Q Okay. Well, when you were doing this
9	reconnaissance work and sending these P&Ls back and
10	forth to that address, were you using your husband's
11	computer?
12	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
13	A I don't think so.
14	BY MR. HARGROVE:
15	Q Okay. What computer were you using?
16	A I was using my computer, and then when
17	Tony got fired, I thought it was best to go to my
18	husband's computer.
19	Q Angel Oak, who did you tell me about
20	your communications with Angel Oak.
21	A Mike Fierman.
22	Q All right.
23	A Really, I don't know if I talked to Mike
24	Fierman during that time or prior to us going to New
25	American Funding. I was just thinking about that.

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1	I don't remember if that was I think that was
2	prior to us going to New American Funding. I don't
3	remember.
4	Q All right. If you corresponded with Mike
5	Fierman while you were at NAF, would it have been
6	from the Builder Queen e-mail address?
7	A I think so.
8	Q Let's change gears. I want to talk now
9	about Tennessee and Virginia. One of your
L 0	MR. PERLOWSKI: We've been going for an
l 1	hour and 20 minutes.
L 2	MR. HARGROVE: Yeah, let's take a break.
L 3	(Recess 2:19-2:34 p.m.)
L 4	BY MR. HARGROVE:
L 5	Q I want to talk about now that we're
L 6	back into it the expansion.
L 7	One of your charges when you became
L 8	employed with NAF was to grow the southeastern
L 9	territory, correct?
20	A Correct.
21	Q And that was not only monetarily but also
22	geographically, correct?
23	A Correct.
24	Q And you expanded into multiple other
25	states from Georgia, correct?

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1	A Yes.
2	Q All right. Which states did you expand
3	NAF into under your watch?
4	A North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama,
5	Tennessee, Florida.
6	Q And under your
7	A And Virginia.
8	Q Under your leadership Tennessee and
9	Virginia were under your leadership initially but
10	are not now, correct?
11	A Correct.
12	Q Tell me about what went into starting up
13	the Tennessee and Virginia NAF territories.
14	A We hired, business developed, branded our
15	names in those states.
16	Q When you expanded into these other
17	territories, was there any sort of investment made
18	by you and Ms. Spearman?
19	A Yes.
20	Q All right. Tell me about the investment
21	that was made.
22	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form. I was
23	late to the last one as well.
24	But go ahead.
25	A We participated in, you know, obviously

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     all the marketing dollars.
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                                  We participated in some
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     of the hiring and the terms that maybe New American
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     Funding thought were too rich, so they asked us to
     participate in the dollars.
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     BY MR. HARGROVE:
               Okay. And in participating in the
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     dollars, and if you look at Exhibit 4, one of the --
     and you can just look at this, one of the things you
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9
     said is: I personally have had $93,000 deducted
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     from my personal pay for new hires that I agreed to
11
     invest alongside NAF.
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               It's on page 352.
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               Of 4?
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               Of Exhibit 4?
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               MR. PERLOWSKI:
                                That's not Exhibit 4.
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                               I'm sorry.
               MR. HARGROVE:
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               MR. PERLOWSKI:
                                I think it's 2.
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     BY MR. HARGROVE:
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               2.
                   Exhibit 2.
                                Look at page 352,
          Q
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     second-to-last paragraph.
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               352?
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               Uh-huh.
                         Second-to-last paragraph, second
          Q
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     sentence, I was just showing it to you, the sentence
24
     that says: I personally had $93,000 deducted from
25
     my personal pay.
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1	A Uh-huh.
2	Q Is that part of what you're talking about
3	in the dollars that were expended by you in growing
4	the Virginia and Tennessee territories?
5	A Yes.
6	Q Was the was the investment limited to
7	the \$93,000 referenced in Exhibit 2 or were there
8	other moneys expended by you and/or Ms. Spearman in
9	growing those territories?
L 0	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
l 1	A I don't know. I mean, it appears that I
L 2	asked Sarah to send a complete breakdown of the
L 3	expenses. I don't remember.
L 4	BY MR. HARGROVE:
L 5	Q Okay. Do you think there were more
L 6	expenses than the 93,000?
L 7	A I'm sure there was.
L 8	Q Okay. When you and Ms. Spearman set out
L 9	to expand into Tennessee and Virginia, did you have
20	an expectation of earning those dollars back through
21	the business generated from growing it?
22	A Everyone does.
23	Q Everyone does meaning yes?
24	A Yes, of course.
25	Q And at some point, were those

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1	territories were those territories profitable
2	during the time they were still under your and
3	Ms. Spearman's leadership?
4	A I don't know. I'd have to go back and
5	look at that. I have no idea.
6	Q So you don't know whether you ever reaped
7	any of the benefits of the moneys expended to expand
8	into those territories?
9	A No.
10	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
11	BY MR. HARGROVE:
12	Q Did any of my understanding is
13	Tennessee and Virginia were removed by NAF from your
14	territory, correct?
15	A Yes, they were.
16	Q Tell me the circumstances that led to
17	we'll start off with Tennessee being removed from
18	the territory.
19	A They were both removed at the same time.
20	Q Okay. Walk me through how they were both
21	removed then.
22	A Again, we had a phone call with Christy
23	Bunce I do believe sometime in November, and she
24	stated that we would no longer be in charge of
25	well, we would no longer Tennessee and Virginia

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1	would no longer fall under our division.
2	Q Okay. And did that upset you?
3	A Of course it did.
4	Q Why did it upset you?
5	A Because I didn't understand why they were
6	doing it.
7	Q Okay. Did you come to an understanding of
8	what NAF's rationale for removing those two states
9	from your territory was?
10	A They said that it had been requested by
11	Michelle, Eric, and Janet that they no longer wanted
12	to work under the Southeast.
13	Q Was there any discussion about why they
14	never wanted to no longer wanted to work with the
15	Southeast?
16	A No, I don't think they really went into
17	detail. It was just that's the way it was. I mean,
18	it was just matter of fact. It was a matter-of-fact
19	conversation with no detail.
20	Q All right. Were those branches under your
21	direction long enough for you to recoup the moneys
22	that had been laid out to get them up and going?
23	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
24	A No. No.
25	BY MR. HARGROVE:

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1	Q But for your and Ms. Spearman's work in
2	Tennessee and Virginia and the investments you made,
3	would those branches have been successful?
4	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
5	A Say that again.
6	BY MR. HARGROVE:
7	Q Sure.
8	In the absence of the time and monetary
9	investment in Tennessee and Virginia made by you and
10	Ms. Spearman, would those branches have been
11	possible?
12	A I don't know. I can't answer that
13	question.
14	Q Would they have been as successful?
15	A I don't know. I really can't answer that
16	question.
17	Q Well, do you think you and Ms. Spearman
18	did a good job getting those offices up and going?
19	A Yeah, I think we did a fine job.
20	Q And do you believe you had those offices
21	based on the investments of time and money you had
22	put in ready-to-be-profitable branches for NAF?
23	A I feel like they would have followed suit.
24	I don't know I don't have the data, but I feel
25	like everything that we did was always a success and

Page 180 always returned a decent profit for the company. 1 2 Do you feel like you are entitled to 3 recoup the monetary investments you made in getting those states up and going? 4 5 We asked for it. I mean, if you don't 6 ask, you don't, you know -- you know, nothing 7 ventured, nothing gained, but they didn't do anything with that, so I moved on. 8 9 0 But you did ask for it, correct? 10 Α Yes, we did ask for it. 11 Do you know how much you asked for? 0 12 I don't remember. I really don't. Α 13 don't remember. I want to go to March of 2020 and talk 14 0 15 about the -- this is around -- well, leading up to 16 March 2020 after the leadership meeting and the 17 reconnaissance work you did on the other mortgage 18 companies, did that lead ultimately to changing to a 19 profit and loss model? 20 Α It did. 21 All right. And can you tell me about the 22 discussions leading up to changing to a profit and 23 loss model? 24 Α My gosh, there were so many. I mean, there were so many conference calls and meetings 25

Page 181 and -- I mean, honestly, there were so many. 1 2 couldn't even tell you how many calls that we had, 3 how many reviews that we had. Who did you have the calls with, these 4 0 5 many, many calls? Mostly -- I mean, Rick was -- Rick Arvielo 6 Α 7 was on a few, mostly Scott Frommert --8 Q Okay. 9 -- and Jon Reed. I don't remember Jan Preslo being involved in many of them, but, again, 10 11 my recollection -- it's been a long time. I felt 12 like most of it was around Jon Reed and Scott 13 Frommert. 14 0 And --15 Α And maybe Christy Bunce. I really -- I 16 feel like most of it was with Scott and Jon. 17 And ultimately leading up to, you were Q 18 provided with a draft document, correct? 19 A draft of the P&L model? Α 20 Uh-huh. Q 21 Α Correct. 22 And you and Ms. Spearman, in an effort to Q 23 continue your business relationship with NAF, retained Lex Watson to review that, correct? 24 25 Could you please read that MR. PERLOWSKI:

Page 182 question back? 1 2 (The record was read by the reporter as follows: 3 " O And you and Ms. Spearman, in an 4 5 effort to continue your business relationship with NAF, retained Lex Watson to review that, correct?") 6 7 MR. PERLOWSKI: You can answer that -again, don't reveal privileged communication, but 8 9 you can answer that question. 10 Α Correct. 11 BY MR. HARGROVE: 12 Did you have concerns going into 0 13 this P&L model about the transparency of NAF's 14 profit and loss figures? 15 Α Yes. 16 What were those concerns? 0 17 The concerns were really based on the fact Α 18 that we had a P&L, but the questions that I had, 19 again, if you're going to manage to a P&L, I want to 20 be able to see the numbers that make up the P&L. Ι 21 want to see behind the scenes on the numbers that 22 make up the P&L. 23 So a lot of our discussion -- the majority 24 of our discussion was around if you have operations expense, I want to be able to click on, you know, 25

Page 183 that dollar figure or operations expense and see 1 2 what makes up those operations expenses or marketing 3 expenses or LO compensation expenses. I wanted to be able to see the numbers behind the P&L. 4 5 Were you ever given the access to the 6 numbers behind the P&L? 7 Α No. We as a company are working towards that today, but during that time that you're 8 9 speaking of, no. 10 You had a meeting with Lex Watson, 11 Ms. Spearman, Mr. Frommert, Mr. Reed, and a CPA in 12 September of 2019 to go over the P&L model document, 13 correct? That's correct. 14 Α 15 0 And the reason Lex Watson was there at 16 that meeting was because you and Ms. Spearman wanted 17 to work to continue your business relationship with 18 NAF, correct? 19 That's correct. Α 20 And prior to that meeting, you received a 0 21 proposed draft of a new Schedule 1, correct? 22 Α I think we did. I'm sure you're going to 23 show it to me. 24 Q Let me see here. 25 And after receipt of that -- I'm going to

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     hand you Exhibit -- I'm going to hand you Exhibit 6
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 2
     and ask if you recognize this as Mr. Watson's
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     redline of --
               MS. GIBSON: I'm going to give you the
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     Bates number.
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               MR. PERLOWSKI:
                                Okay. I just wanted to
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     know where I was going.
               MS. GIBSON: I just know someone printed
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9
     those exhibits.
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                               Yeah, my fault.
               MR. HARGROVE:
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               MR. PERLOWSKI:
                                It's all right.
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     fine.
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               (Plaintiff's Exhibit 6 was marked for
14
     identification.)
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               MR. HARGROVE: 1216 is the Bates on that.
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               MR. PERLOWSKI:
                                Thank you.
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               (Off-the-record discussion.)
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     BY MR. HARGROVE:
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               Do you recognize Exhibit 6 as the redline
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     version that Mr. Watson did of that initial
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     document?
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               Yes.
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               And do you recall looking at this in the
     redline what concerns, if any, you had about the --
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25
     about Exhibit 6?
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1	MR. PERLOWSKI: Ms. Allison, again, I'm
2	going to caution you on the privilege instruction,
3	but you can go ahead and answer. Mr. Hargrove asked
4	you about your concerns relative to Exhibit 6.
5	A I think that Lex covered all of our
6	concerns.
7	BY MR. HARGROVE:
8	Q The concerns that are shown in the
9	redline?
10	A Or they were either our concerns or his
11	concerns.
12	Q Okay. Gotcha.
13	Was there a slide show shown at this
14	meeting about the new compensation model?
15	A There was.
16	Q Have you ever seen a copy of that slide
17	show since the meeting?
18	A Not that I recall.
19	Q Did you receive an electronic copy of that
20	slide show?
21	A I don't remember.
22	Q Okay. Do you have any reason to know why
23	that slide show strike that.
24	Do you know if that slide show still
25	exists today?

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1	A I don't know.
2	Q Do you know who prepared the slide show?
3	A I assume Scott Frommert did, but I didn't
4	ask directly who created it.
5	Q Was Mr. Frommert the person who was
6	operating the PowerPoint presentation?
7	A I think so.
8	Q That slide show showed a comparison of
9	your November 2016 agreement and the new proposed
L 0	Schedule 1, correct?
l 1	A I think so.
L 2	Q It did not show any other purported
L 3	schedules or changes to the November 2016 agreement,
L 4	did it?
L 5	A I don't think so. I honestly don't
L 6	remember what the slide show showed. I don't
L 7	remember it. I just remember we had three choices.
L 8	Q No unsigned schedules were circulated at
L 9	that meeting or in the slide show, correct?
20	A I don't remember if there were schedules
21	in the slide show.
22	Q And you don't know whether you received a
23	copy of that slide show after the fact or before?
24	A I definitely didn't before. I don't think
25	I did after. I'm not I'm not a hundred percent

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1	sure.
2	Q There was a CPA at that meeting, correct?
3	A Yes.
4	Q Who was that CPA?
5	A Oh, boy. I don't remember.
6	Q Did you retain
7	A It may have I don't know. I really
8	don't know.
9	Q Did you retain the CPA?
10	A I'm sure I did.
11	Q Would it have been the person who handles
12	your personal taxes?
13	A It may have been.
14	Q Does the same person handle your personal
15	taxes now as handled them back in 2019?
16	A Yes.
17	Q Who is that person?
18	A We use a firm over in Roswell. Mike I
19	wish I could tell you. I don't remember.
20	Q You don't know the name of the firm in
21	Roswell that handles your taxes?
22	A I know. You're just going to think,
23	right? Mike. Let me see if I have Mike's name on
24	here.
25	I don't know. I have to tell you that my

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1	husband handles a lot of
2	Q You said where in Roswell is the office
3	located?
4	A I don't know. I have never been there. I
5	don't get involved in the dollars and cents. My
6	husband handles all of that. I'm sorry. I sign our
7	taxes every year, and I don't pay attention.
8	Q Do you review the return before it's
9	submitted to the IRS?
10	A You want no, I don't.
11	Q Okay. So ultimately after the meeting
12	this one is Bates labeled.
13	I'm going to hand you Exhibit 7.
14	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 7 was marked for
15	identification.)
16	BY MR. HARGROVE:
17	Q And I'll ask you if this is ultimately the
18	Schedule 1 that was agreed to.
19	(Off-the-record discussion.)
20	BY MR. HARGROVE:
21	Q My question was: Do you recognize this as
22	the final Schedule 1 that was ultimately agreed to?
23	A Yes.
24	Q Is there a version that is signed by you
25	or is this or do you know?

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1	A They told us that we didn't need to sign
2	it.
3	Q Who's "they"?
4	A Corporate.
5	Q Who from corporate?
6	A I think it was Scott and Jon said that our
7	signature wasn't necessary.
8	Q Was it handed to you, e-mailed to you?
9	How did you receive it?
10	A I believe it was e-mailed to us.
11	Q Okay. I want to change gears a little bit
12	and talk about you testified earlier after
13	discussion of the change to a profit model, you did
14	not explore changing employers, you just did some
15	reconnaissance work, correct?
16	A No, I Gina and I clearly moved forward
17	with New American Funding's P&L model.
18	Q And, ultimately, Ms. Spearman left New
19	American Funding, correct?
20	A Yes.
21	Q How did you find out that Ms. Spearman was
22	leaving New American Funding?
23	A She called me.
24	Q All right. And when did she call you?
25	A I don't remember if it was March or April.

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1	It was sometime in I think it was April.
2	Q And how soon before her departure from NAF
3	did she call you?
4	A The day before.
5	Q All right. And tell me about that
6	conversation.
7	A She just said that she didn't want to work
8	with New American Funding anymore.
9	Q Okay.
10	A And that she really didn't know what she
11	wanted to do, but that she wanted to take some time
12	and explore what she wanted to do.
13	Q And what did you tell her?
14	A I need a break.
15	Q Sure. That's okay.
16	(Recess 3:03-3:06 p.m.)
17	MR. HARGROVE: Can you read her back the
18	question?
19	(The record was read by the reporter as
20	follows:
21	"Q And what did you tell her?")
22	A I told her that I loved her and I wanted
23	her to be happy.
24	BY MR. HARGROVE:
25	Q Okay. Anything after that?

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1	A I don't know.
2	Q Did she say anything else?
3	A I don't know. I don't remember.
4	Q Did you have any discussion about whether
5	you might also leave NAF?
6	A We had a discussion about the fact that I
7	would never I would not leave the team. I would
8	not leave our team.
9	Q Okay. Did you have any discussion about
10	taking your team somewhere other than NAF?
11	A At the time of Gina leaving, I did say
12	that I wanted to get I needed to get the team
13	through our I mean, obviously we were in the
14	middle of a beginning of a national pandemic.
15	Q Uh-huh.
16	A And I said that I couldn't couldn't
17	leave the team, and I wanted to I had to see it
18	through.
19	Q Were you thinking about leaving the team
20	at that point?
21	A Was I thinking about leaving the no, I
22	wasn't going to leave our team at that point.
23	Q Were you trying to find a way to move the
24	team elsewhere from NAF at that point?
25	A No, it was in the middle of a national

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1	pandemic.
2	Q Had you explored moving the team elsewhere
3	than NAF before
4	A I have never spoken to anyone on our team
5	about leaving New American Funding outside of Gina
6	Spearman.
7	Q How about talk to anybody outside the team
8	of leaving New American Funding, including Gina
9	Spearman?
10	A I talked to Gina. I just said I talked to
11	Gina Spearman.
12	Q About leaving NAF?
13	A I didn't we didn't talk about leaving
14	NAF. We talked about options that were out there
15	that were more suitable. In the end, as Gina even
16	stated in an e-mail to corporate, that, you know, we
17	never intended on leaving New American Funding.
18	Q Uh-huh.
19	A That e-mail was sent from Gina and had
20	Eric and Michelle and Christy Bunce and Jan Preslo
21	and several other people on the e-mail that we never
22	had intentions of leaving New American Funding.
23	Q Okay. And you, in fact, didn't even
24	discuss leaving New American Funding, correct?
25	A Gina and I of course discussed it.

Page 193 Tell me about the discussions. 1 0 2 Α We did not discuss it with our team. 3 Q Okay. And as I stated, if Gina and I were 4 Α 5 serious about leaving New American Funding, we would have gathered our team together and spoke to them 6 7 just like we did when we were leaving Caliber to go to New American Funding. 8 9 There were high levels of frustration, 10 some things happened that we didn't think were fair, 11 and it would create conversations between partners 12 that normal partners would have. 13 Q Tell me --14 And we made -- we had those conversations. Α 15 0 Tell me about the conversations you had 16 with Ms. Spearman about potentially leaving NAF. 17 Α I told Gina that I don't agree with the decisions that NAF has made, but I wasn't sure that 18 19 I -- I didn't know what I wanted to do with -- with 20 the -- my career. I was very honest with that. 21 don't know if I want to continue doing mortgages. 22 don't know. 23 I was in the middle of a national 24 pandemic, and it makes you think your life through 25 I didn't know if I even wanted to very differently.

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entertain the mortgage business after the pandemic was over. I just know that I had to get our team through it.

yeah, I mean, you know, you're not happy about things that are going on. You have conversations that are between two partners and you think your friend. So yes, we had conversations. Did we act on those conversations? No, we did not.

Q Did you -- did you inform Ms. Spearman that to the extent you were talking to any of the other mortgage companies, that that was just reconnaissance for NAF as opposed to efforts to look for another --

A I didn't say it was reconnaissance for NAF. NAF didn't require us to do that. As I stated before, it was reconnaissance for me to understand what was out there and to get an idea of the different platforms that were out there prior to us going to what we finally determined to be this compensation.

Q Did you tell Ms. Spearman that any of those visits made, for instance, to Greenville and Charlotte, that the purpose of that for you was not to explore other opportunities but was, in fact,

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1	just reconnaissance?
2	A To explore what was out there. You can
3	call it reconnaissance. You can call it whatever
4	you want. We were exploring other platforms of P&L
5	agreements. There are so many.
6	Q But you definitely made it clear to
7	Ms. Spearman that in no way was speaking to any of
8	these folks an effort to potentially leave NAF,
9	correct?
10	A I don't think Ms. Spearman and I went that
11	deep in conversation about that. It's not like we
12	were having a formal conversation. We were friends
13	and business partners.
14	Q Did y'all ride together to either
15	Charlotte or Greenville?
16	A Yeah, I'm sure we did.
17	Q And during that ride up to Charlotte or
18	Greenville, it didn't come up at all what the actual
19	purpose of driving to Charlotte or Greenville was?
20	A We knew what the purpose was, to look at
21	other platforms.
22	Q But not for purposes of leaving NAF?
23	A How do you know if you want to leave a
24	company if you don't if you're just looking at
25	what compensation plans are out there? I'm not sure

Page 196 1 what you're so held up on that about. 2 recruited and talk to companies all the time. did not make a decision to leave New American 3 Funding. 4 5 When you left -- who was your employer 0 6 prior to NAF? 7 Caliber Home Loans. Α When you were at Caliber, were you just 8 Q 9 conducting reconnaissance when you talked to NAF to 10 learn --11 No. Α We --12 -- about other compensation models? Q 13 Α No. We -- we had several of our clients 14 and our employees come to us and say that it was not 15 going to work. We had had some of our -- we had 16 some of our employees that had been released from 17 Caliber. We had a lot of very treacherous waters at 18 Caliber, and a lot of our clients and a lot of our 19 employees were very, very unhappy, and a lot of 20 changes happened with Caliber after we got there. 21 We went with -- the CFO within four 22 months, I think, they changed CFOs. There were a 23 lot of changes at Caliber, and we made a decision 24 that Caliber was not going to be our forever home. 25 I -- that was my decision in most parts to

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1	go to Caliber under a handshake agreement that I had
2	with Adam Kessler at Academy Mortgage. So I had no
3	choice but to live out a one-year contract with
4	Caliber Home Loans.
5	Q I want to set aside this reconnaissance
6	that you did while you were at NAF.
7	When you were at any of your other prior
8	employers, did you ever make visits to or contacts
9	with competitors of those employers for purposes of
10	reconnaissance on payment structures?
11	A Oh, absolutely, all the time.
12	Q All the time?
13	A We all do it to each other.
14	Q Okay.
15	A People come and recruit with us, and
16	they're simply there to have a fishing expedition to
17	find out about technology, marketing, products,
18	pricing, philosophy, culture. Happens every single
19	day in our business.
20	Q Okay.
21	A People do reconnaissance work on me and I
22	do reconnaissance work on them.
23	Q Since you entered into the P&L model, what
24	reconnaissance work have you done for NAF, if any?
25	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.

Page 198 Go ahead, but to the extent that it 1 2 reveals privileged communications --3 Α Yeah, I'm not answering that question. BY MR. HARGROVE: 4 5 Okay. He's raised a privilege objection. 0 Have you visited any other mortgage 6 7 companies after you entered into the P&L model with 8 NAF? 9 Α No, I haven't visited any other mortgage 10 companies. 11 Have you had any discussions with any 12 recruiters from other companies? 13 Α Of course. We have -- people call us 14 every day. 15 0 Okay. 16 Every single day. Α 17 Have any of those gone beyond the first Q 18 phone call? 19 I get phone calls all the time. I have 20 conversations with our competitors all the time. Ι 21 try to stay very friendly with my competitors. 22 that means that they're recruiting me or I'm 23 recruiting them, so be it. 24 The ones who have recruited you, have you Q 25 obtained any P&L documents or any other sort of

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1	documents from them since
2	A No, I have zero documents on my Builder
3	Queen Gmail account. Zero documents from any other
4	companies.
5	Q What did you do with the documents that
6	you had?
7	A You just asked me if I've spoken to any
8	companies or gained any information since I signed
9	this Schedule 1.
10	Q Correct. Okay.
11	A No, I have not.
12	Q All right. You had documents before that,
13	correct, on your Builder Queen e-mail address,
14	correct?
15	A You mean prior to the Schedule 1?
16	Q Yes.
17	A Yes.
18	Q Okay. But since the Schedule 1, you
19	haven't gotten any, correct?
20	A No.
21	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
22	BY MR. HARGROVE:
23	Q Once you once Ms. Spearman left NAF,
24	did NAF offer you any incentive, monetary or
25	otherwise, to stay?

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1	A Absolutely not.
2	Q Has your compensation changed at all since
3	Ms. Spearman departed from NAF?
4	A Absolutely not.
5	Q Have you been given any bonuses outside of
6	that which is contained in the March 2020 Schedule 1
7	since Ms. Spearman's departure from NAF?
8	A Absolutely not.
9	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
L 0	BY MR. HARGROVE:
l 1	Q Have you executed any releases of NAF for
L 2	any claims of any sort since your since
L 3	Ms. Spearman departed NAF?
L 4	A You have to repeat that question for me.
L 5	Q Sure.
L 6	Settlement agreements or releases,
L 7	anything where you released any claims against NAF
L 8	since Ms. Spearman's departure?
L 9	A No. Nobody's asked me to.
20	Q Have you signed any document that you
21	believe releases NAF from paying you override
22	bonuses pursuant to your agreement in effect prior
23	to March 2020?
24	MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form.
25	A Prior to March of 2020?

Page 201 BY MR. HARGROVE: 1 2 Q Uh-huh. I don't know. I mean, maybe I did when I 3 Α signed those -- when I DocuSigned those Schedule 4s. 4 5 I have no idea. So you said Schedule 4, not Schedule 1 6 7 that time. Do you recall now that those were Schedule 4s, not Schedule 1s? 8 9 Α I don't know, you said --10 MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the -- object to 11 the form. 12 You said Schedule 4 earlier. I assume Α 13 that you know something I don't. BY MR. HARGROVE: 14 15 Have you ever heard anyone at NAF express 16 that, "The girls made too much money"? 17 Did they say, "The girls make too much Α I think they said, "The girls make a lot of 18 money." 19 I don't know if anybody said we make too money." 20 much money. 21 Okay. Who's the "they" that you recall --22 and when I say "the girls," you and Ms. Spearman were referred to as "the girls" by NAF corporate 23 24 management, correct? 25 Object to the form. MR. PERLOWSKI:

Page 202 Yes, we were. 1 Α 2 BY MR. HARGROVE: 3 Okay. Who were the folks you heard say 0 that, "The girls made a lot of money"? 4 5 Well, I mean, Christy and Patty and Jan 6 and Scott and Jon. 7 0 In what context were those statements made? 8 9 Α That's a very good question. I'd have 10 to -- I think it was more around -- going back and actually pinpointing, I don't know when they said 11 12 It was during, you know, a time when we were 13 going through the -- you know, the P&L. 14 Q Okay. 15 And we were trying to understand, like, 16 what does that look like and trying to get a lot 17 more detail behind the P&L because it was very, 18 very, very different than the P&L that we had -- I 19 had previously been on. 20 And I think it was around the, like, 21 you're going to make more -- you guys make a lot of 22 money, you're going to make more money. 23 Uh-huh. 0 I think that was more around the 24 Α Right. comment of it. I don't -- you know, can I tell you 25

Page 203 I don't really remember a lot of the time and when 1 2 and who. 3 0 Did Rick and Patty Arvielo think senior regional vice presidents made too much money? 4 5 MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form, calls for speculation. 6 7 Rick made comments that we all made a lot Α 8 of money. 9 BY MR. HARGROVE: 10 0 Did he ever say you made too much money? 11 He asked if -- he asked us if we thought Α 12 we made -- were we -- something about were we happy 13 with our income or we made a lot -- I don't really remember how he asked it or how he stated it. 14 15 was something around basically everybody in the room 16 made money, and he lost money. 17 So he said that he lost money, 0 Mr. Arvielo? 18 19 Α Uh-huh. 20 Do you think that was true? Q 21 I don't know. Α 22 So you think it's possible Mr. Arvielo was Q 23 actually losing money by working at NAF? 24 MR. PERLOWSKI: Object to the form. I don't know. We didn't ever see their 25 Α

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Page 204 financials. I don't know. I have no idea. 1 I would 2 hope not. BY MR. HARGROVE: 3 What's a source code? 4 0 5 A source code is -- we have different Α source codes, but a source code is what is a -- that 6 7 we create in order to capture specific loans so that we can identify and measure loans that we're 8 9 catching under that source code. 10 0 And can the source codes have -- codes 11 have an impact on loan officer compensation? 12 Α Yes, they can. 13 Q Did you ever raise concerns about the use 14 of source codes within NAF and potential Dodd-Frank 15 issues? 16 Yes, we did. Α 17 Tell me about that. 0 18 We had concern that -- we had concern that Α 19 in our agreements, that we were paying loan officers 20 a different compensation on jumbo and DPA loans than 21 what we were paying them on other products. 22 Q Uh-huh. 23 And we did address that, and we were told that that was run by legal and that that was 24 25 perfectly fine.

Page 205 I think it was sometime in either -- I 1 2 think it was sometime in '19, I'm not sure -- I'm 3 sorry, I wish I had dates. It was sometime in, I think, '19 that they did decide to change that, and 4 5 we paid full comp on DPA loans and jumbo. 6 0 So that changed at some point? 7 Α It did change. Prior -- go ahead. Did you have something 8 0 9 else you wanted to say? 10 Α No. 11 Prior to it changing, this discussion, did 0 12 you and Ms. Spearman have a phone call with NAF 13 about your concerns? 14 Yes, with Jan Preslo and Jon Reed. 15 0 And you recorded that phone call, correct? 16 I don't -- maybe I did. I think I 17 recorded one with Kristin. 18 Q Okay. I don't know if I recorded one with Jon 19 Α 20 and -- I may have. 21 Tell me about the phone call you recorded 22 with Kristin. 23 Α That was not -- so the source coding when 24 they -- when we went to standard comp on jumbo and DPA, Jan Preslo had sent us all an e-mail that 25

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1	basically said you can run a DPA loan that she
2	had checked with legal and that we could source a
3	DPA loan or a jumbo under Connect or Corpgen,
4	meaning that as a Connect or as a Corpgen, under
5	those source codes, the loan officer would not
6	they would make a reduced compensation.
7	So we questioned whether that was okay,
8	right, and we did ask if we were sure this was, you
9	know, okay to source a loan that was a self-source
10	loan as a Connect, and they assured us that it was
11	perfectly fine.
12	Q Do you still have that recording?
13	A Gosh, I don't I don't know.
14	Q What device was it recorded on?
15	A My iPhone.
16	Q Your iPhone.
17	Do you still have the same iPhone?
18	A Yes.
19	Q Do your things you record from your phone
20	back up to the cloud?
21	A I'm not very techie.
22	Q Gotcha.
23	But you have the same phone today that you
24	had
25	A Yeah, well, I have a new phone, but I

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     it all -- it usually transfers over.
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                Okay. So it was recorded on your phone,
     and as far as you know, it's still saved within your
 3
     new phone, correct?
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                I think so, yes.
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                Okay.
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                               Let us take a break.
                MR. HARGROVE:
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     may have a tad more, but we're very close to
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9
     finished.
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                THE WITNESS:
                              Okay.
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                MR. HARGROVE:
                                Thank you.
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                (Recess 3:29-3:33 p.m.)
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                MR. HARGROVE: We don't have any further
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     questions.
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                MR. PERLOWSKI:
                                None on my end.
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                MR. HARGROVE:
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                             Thank you for your time
                MS. GIBSON:
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     today.
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                THE WITNESS:
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                MR. HARGROVE:
                               Thank you.
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